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underground in North America, has experienced a resurgence

since the 1960s. Although most contemporary magical

religions have come from abroad, they have found fertile

ground in which to develop in North America. Who are today's

believers in Witchcraft and how do they worship? Alternative

spiritual paths have increased the ranks of followers

dramatically, particularly among well-educated middle-class

individuals. Witchcraft and Magic conveys the richness of

magical religious experiences found in today's culture,

covering the continent of North America and the Caribbean.

These original essays survey current and historical issues

pertinent to religions that incorporate magical or occult beliefs

and practices, and they examine contemporary responses to

these religions. The relationship between Witchcraft and

Neopaganism is explored, as is their intersection with

established groups practicing goddess worship. Recent years

have seen the growth in New Age magic and Afro-Caribbean

religions, and these developments are also addressed in this

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