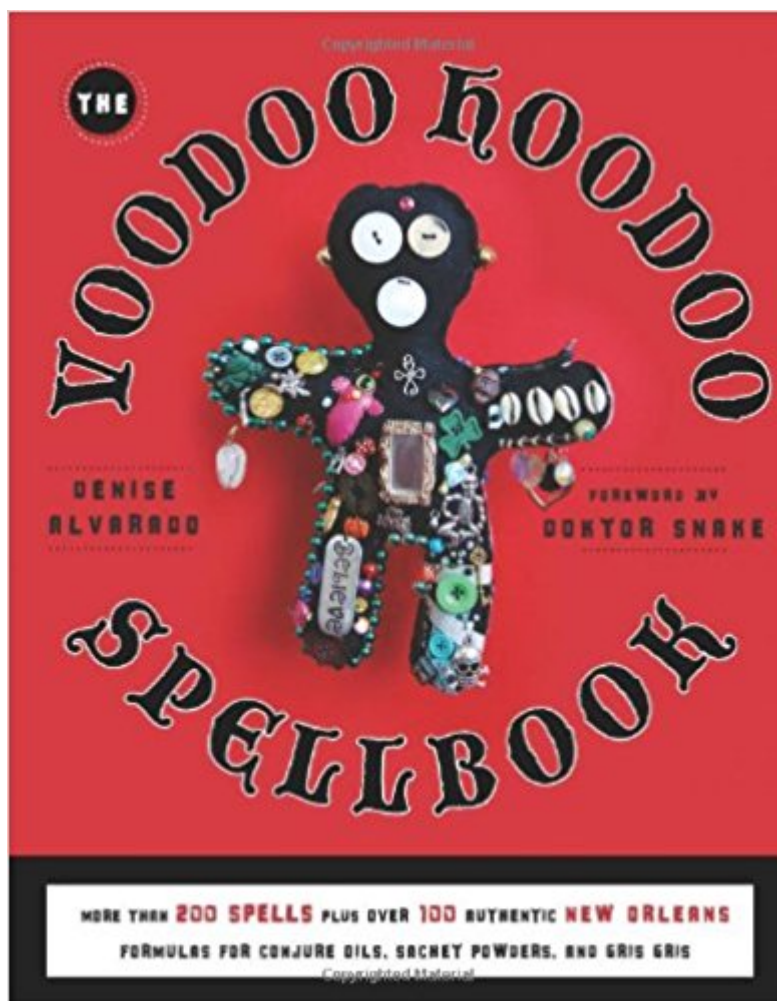


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The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook



Synopsis

"Voodoo Hoodoo" is the unique variety of Creole Voodoo found in New Orleans. The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook is a rich compendium of more than 300 authentic Voodoo and Hoodoo recipes, rituals, and spells for love, justice, gambling luck, prosperity, health, and success. Cultural psychologist and root worker Denise Alvarado, who grew up in New Orleans, draws from a lifetime of recipes and spells learned from family, friends, and local practitioners. She traces the history of the African-based folk magic brought by slaves to New Orleans, and shows how it evolved over time to include influences from Native American spirituality, Catholicism, and Pentecostalism. She shares her research into folklore collections and 19th- and 20th- century formularies along with her own magical arts. The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook includes more than 100 spells for Banishing, Binding, Fertility, Luck, Protection, Money, and more. Alvarado introduces readers to the Pantheon of Voodoo Spirits, the Seven African Powers, and other important Loas, Prayers, Novenas, and Psalms, and much, much more, including: * Oils and Potions: Attraction Love Oil, Dream Potion, Gambler's Luck Oil, Blessing Oil * Hoodoo Powders and Gris Gris: Algier's Fast Luck Powder, Controlling Powder, Money Drawing Powder * Talismans and Candle Magic * Curses and Hexes

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Customer Reviews

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Born and raised in New Orleans, Denise Alvarado learned her craft at a very early age from members of her family, and later from various teachers and mentors. Over the past several decades she has not only made a scholarly study of various forms of magick and healing, as an anthropologist and psychologist, but she has also practiced these traditions at length, becoming a respected spiritual-worker, consultant, and writer in her own right. Written in a simple, easy-to-understand style, The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook is overflowing with valuable information pertaining to the theory and practice of authentic Voodoo hoodoo. In addition to a brief historical overview of these practices in New Orleans, here you will find spells, rituals, formulas, and prayers for virtually any conceivable purpose along with correspondence charts arranged by use or purpose for easy reference that will assist you in crafting your own spells and formulas. In short, this book contains everything you need to know in order to practice successful magick in the Voodoo Hoodoo tradition. This is a book that you will return to again and again." -Carolina Dean, author, associate editor and contributor to Hoodoo and Conjure Quarterly"

A triumph of painstaking and meticulous research. Esteemed author Denise Alvarado, herself raised in New Orleans, has studied mysticism and practiced Voodoo Hoodoo and indigenous healing traditions for over three decades. She is an academic anthropologist, cultural psychologist, writer, artist, spiritual adviser, and consultant. The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook is the culmination of the author's decades of practical experience in authentic Voodoo rituals. Wonderfully readable, The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook will prove a necessary companion to both beginner and experienced practitioner alike. A brilliant and all-encompassing work and an invaluable source of recorded oral tradition." -Dr. Ann Nyland, author/translator of Complete Books of Enoch"

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without a doubt, a practitioner's fondest dream come true. No magical workspace is complete without it!" -Dorothy Morrison, author of *Utterly Wicked* and *Everyday Magic*"Hoodoo and the conjure arts are at the center of a growing spiritual movement, as Western seekers redefine their relationship to religion and the occult. The self-help phase of the occult revival--epitomized by the New Age and Neopaganism for the last half-century--is quickly giving way to nuts-and-bolts, hands-on practical magick that gets things done. You could not ask for a better introduction to Voodoo, hoodoo, gris gris or conjure than Denise Alvarado's *The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook*. The author grew up in New Orleans and Mississippi, and learned the art directly from the source. She is also an anthropologist with a firm grasp on the African Diaspora and its relationship to her home town. This book contains everything from history to folklore, Loas to Orishas, saints and psalms, oils, powders, inks, washes, gris gris, talismans, candles, and conjure spells for every imaginable need. Whether your interest in Voodoo and hoodoo are academic or you want to learn to lay a few tricks, *The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook* is the best place to start." -Aaron Leitch, author of *Secrets of the Magickal Grimoire*"Denise Alvarado's *The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook* is a work of considerable value to anyone interested in the workings of magic as performed in the New Orleans area of Louisiana. It is not a tourist-tempting hodgepodge of phony recipes but a serious compilation of authentic rituals, spells, and instructions gathered by a 'root worker' who grew up in the area. As background to the meat of this work, Ms. Alvarado includes a history of this particular folk magic and of its practitioners. Whatever the spell or charm you need, you are certain to find it here...and it will be effective! Along with her words, enjoy Denise's beautiful artwork." -Raymond Buckland, *Buckland's Book of Gypsy Magic*"New Orleans Voodoo and Hoodoo have a uniquely sumptuous flavor all their own. Denise Alvarado captures that flavor perfectly in *The Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook* because she has long been immersed in its magic and culture. The spells she presents are steeped in the wisdom of the river, the bayous, and the roots and plants that folk practitioners have used for centuries. As the famed New Orleans Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau did before her, Denise creates a path to these traditions for all who seek to discover them. Explore everything from the pantheons of Voodoo to their corresponding saints and the prayers to call them; learn about the roots, herbs, oils, and other ingredients that practitioners use; and employ voodoo dolls, gris gris, and other powerful spirit tools that can help you work the magic!" --Christian Day, author of *The Witches' Book of the Dead*

This book represents Â a lifetime of learning and living New Orleans Voodoo hoodoo. I have never before written down so much of my personal knowledge and experience for public consumption. I

admit, I was hesitant to share much of it; but, ultimately I felt it was important to preserve the cultural knowledge that was passed on to me through multiple channels. Many of the old ways have been lost or forgotten. Many of the old ways have been diluted through the commercialization of Hoodoo. I know that much of what I learned was impacted by this phenomenon as a child born in 1960, thirty years into the commercial Hoodoo heyday. Â Like so many things, however, the New Orleans tradition adapted to the changes. As an adult, I have come to understand those things that were "created" by marketeers and those that are pure Hoodoo and conjure. In the end, Hoodoo is about what works. One of my goals in writing the Voodoo Hoodoo Spellbook was to emphasize the many influences that are found in the New Orleans tradition. Voodoo and Hoodoo as it is expressed in New Orleans does not look the same as it does in other areas of the country in some very significant ways. A major hallmark is the fusion of Voodoo and Hoodoo - or lack of separation of the two. Voodoo is not just a religion and Hoodoo is not just a magickal system in New Orleans. It never was. And, gris gris is not just a mojo bag. Â For many of us, Voodoo, Hoodoo, and gris gris are each a part of a whole Creole tradition. Just like the merging of my indigenous, Spanish and French ancestors makes me a whole Creole woman, the merging of multiple cultures makes New Orleans Voodoo and Hoodoo a whole Creole tradition. Whether or not you agree with what you read in these pages is not important. What I write is my experience and is my understanding. I am but one person. But, I am one person for whom the tradition lives on in my blood and in the blood of my children and my children's children. I am not writing as an outsider looking in. I write as an insider looking out, and there is a big difference in the two perspectives. Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â May the blessings of our beloved Voodoo Spirits be with you always! Denise Alvarado June 7, 2011

This book is full of useful information. I am so glad I bought it. I have referred to it many times.

I don't know where to start I'm very happy I brought this book it's full of information. Denise Alvarado outdid herself. What I like most about this book is that she went into alot of detail, I love everything about this book I have received it on yesterday I just can't put this book down. Basically you have to have understanding and know how to comprehend. When I was trying to decide if to purchase this book are not, I was reading these reviews and one said there isn't no such thing as VoodooHoodoo she never put these words together. She explains Voodoo and Hoodoo by going into detail on each. This is a wonderful book and it gives alot of information and will inspire you to make your own oils. Me myself personally I love this book thank you Denise Alvarado for taking time out to write this book.

A great gift and handy read :)

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It was a gift and my mother apparently enjoyed this and the voodoo dolls immensely! :)

very cool book and very well written and easy to understand.

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