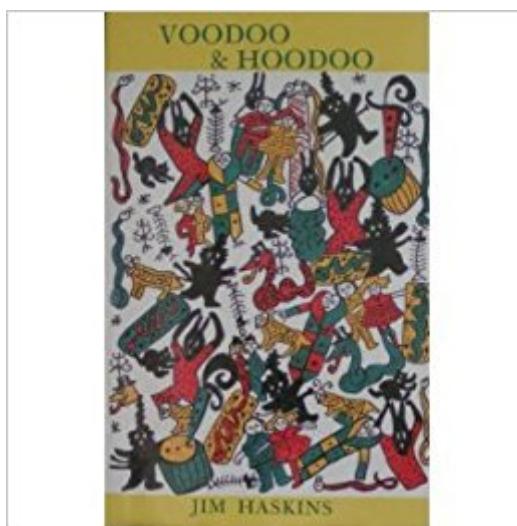


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# Voodoo & Hoodoo: Their Traditional Crafts Revealed By Actual Practitioners



## **Synopsis**

Tells how the spiritual descendants of African medicine men and sorcerers "lay tricks" and explains the hold these practices have had on their believers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

As with many of the books written about Voudou and Hoodoo, I found this one quite enjoyable. The interviews and stories told give a true flavor to the old beliefs and customs of the period in which he writes. Combining the information with Harry Middleton Hyatt's volumes of Hoodoo, Witchcraft, Conjunction and Rootwork makes for a very accurate look at Hoodoo and Conjure practices. Although, I must stress that Voudou (traditional spelling) is not Hoodoo. There is a big difference between the two is that Voudou is a religion. Hoodoo is folk magic, medicine and customs and is NOT religiously affiliated despite those who do work with Bible Scriptures such as the Psalms.

Great book already finished it Super for beginners great recipes highly approved for an introductory book lots of history on the subject as well GET IT!! :)

Reading this book as well as "The Black Skull" I've been reading a lot of the Orisha's book that also bring interest to true religion.

Good read and good inside look on this life style and world

A great introduction to hoodoo and voodoo: "...in primitive societies...the individual doesn't see himself as separate. Indeed, his very identity...is defined in terms of the people and the world around him. ... The soil, the rocks and mountains, the trees, the rivers are all believed to be inhabited by spirits--spirits that never knew human form." From this very solid foundation on how voodoo came to be, the author goes on to delineate many spells and conjures, all the ingredients necessary to make gris-gris and mojo hands. Very entertaining and thoughtful book.

Mr. Haskins does a great job of summarizing in brief the basic history of Vodou and it's journey from West African tribal society to the New World through the transportation of slaves. He also gives some contemporary accounts of voodoo and hoodoo as practiced in the USA and how it compares (more likely contrasts) with it's West African roots. It is incomplete in that he does not go into any great detail concerning the religious aspects of Vodou still practiced in the USA and concerns the bulk of the book with modern Hoodoo practices and conjures. Yet it is an informative and enjoyable read overall and I recommend it as long as the reader combines the information contained herein with more gleaned from other sources in order to better round out their understanding of this complex and vibrant tradition.

Don't let the title fool you, it's not about Voodoo at all. That was a marketing ploy by the publisher. The book is a pretty good collection of bits and pieces of folk magic.

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