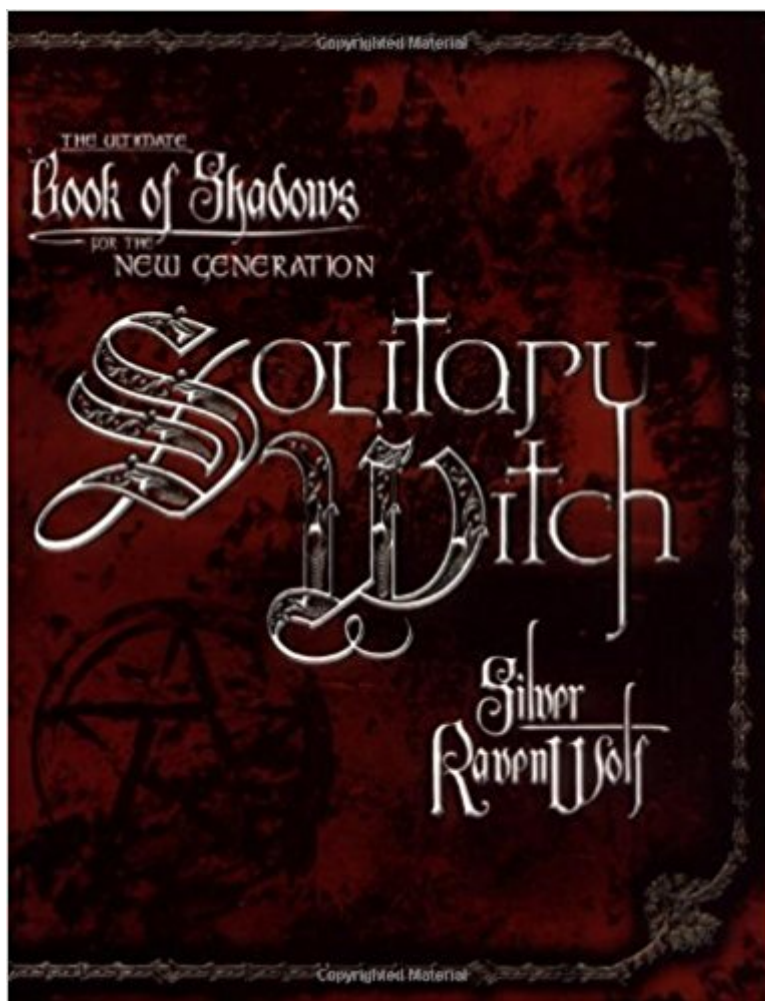


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Solitary Witch: The Ultimate Book Of Shadows For The New Generation



Synopsis

The Ultimate Book of Shadows for the New Generation This book has everything a teen Witch could want and need between two covers: a magickal cookbook, encyclopedia, dictionary, and grimoire. It relates specifically to today's young adults and their concerns, yet is grounded in the magickal work of centuries past. Information is arranged alphabetically and divided into five distinct categories: (1) Shadows of Religion and Mystery, (2) Shadows of Objects, (3) Shadows of Expertise and Proficiency, (4) Shadows of Magick and Enchantment, and (5) Shadows of Daily Life. It is organized so readers can skip over the parts they already know, or read each section in alphabetical order.

Features By the author of the best-selling *Teen Witch* and mother of four teen Witches A jam-packed learning and resource guide for serious young Witches All categories are discussed in modern terms and their associated historical roots Includes endnotes and footnotes that cite sources or add clarification A training companion to *Teen Witch* and *To Ride a Silver Broomstick*

Customer Reviews

Silver RavenWolf (Pennsylvania) is a nationally recognized leader and elder of Wicca, and her writing has been instrumental in guiding the future of one of the fastest-growing faiths in America today. The author of seventeen books, she has been interviewed by *The New York Times*, *Newsweek Magazine*, and the *Wall Street Journal*, and her work has been featured in numerous publications, including *Bust Magazine*, the *Baltimore Sun*, the *St. Petersburg Times*, the *National Review*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Body & Soul Magazine*, and *Teen Lit Magazine*. Her many titles include the bestselling *Solitary Witch*, *Teen Witch*, *To Ride A Silver Broomstick*, *To Stir A Magick Cauldron*, *To Light A Sacred Flame*, *American Folk Magick*, *Angels: Companions in Magick*, *Silver's™ Spells for Prosperity*, *Silver's Spells for Protection*, *Silver's Spells for Love*, *Halloween*, *HedgeWitch*, and the *Witches'™ Night Out* teen fiction series.

Blessings Whether you can believe you can do a thing or believe you can't, you are right. —Henry Ford Although today many of us don't think about the power of words, sound, or touch, those who have gone before us knew that all these things carried an energy of their own, and to give that positive energy to another was a gift more precious than gold. To bless is to remove any negative energy around a person, animal, place, or thing and instill them with positive energy. To bless another is to empower them. By sound, touch, and thought, we can help the sick, lighten the heart of the troubled, or open a pathway for a better life by removing negative blockages. The mere utterance of a blessing can change the course of a person's life. In our modern world, people

often scoff at this idea, not believing that such power could be contained in anything so simple. Many of us are independent individuals, and to think that someone else (by mere word or physical proximity) could alter our pattern of living may seem unthinkable. But they can. In many cultures, past and present, it is customary to leave a blessing at an individual's home when saying farewell. It was believed that a magickal person could make words turn into flesh, meaning by uttering words with one's magickal voice (SEE PART III, UNDER POW WOW) you could create a physical manifestation. To have your house blessed in such a way by a magickal/ religious person ensured health and prosperity for the occupants for months to come. You too can give such a gift. Don't be shy about it. If you believe you can do it, so shall it be. Sometimes the mere presence of magickal individuals can change the course of one's fate. The more spiritual the person, the more pure the environment. I've also noticed that if a magickal person is involved in a particular type of study, that study can affect those around him or her. One Witch who steadfastly worked on building her prosperity realized after a few months that every time she walked into a store, especially a deserted one, her energy attracted paying customers off the street. Another Witch who worked on protection experienced the same phenomenon. He could walk into any establishment and if there were negative people around, they would quickly disperse. What you work on in the magickal world will affect the world around you. The mechanism of a blessing is very easy:

- Think of a white light so powerful that it encompasses your mind, body, and spirit.
- Move the white light into a mental picture of the person, place, or thing.
- In your mind, allow the white light to burst through the object (no, this won't hurt anyone).
- Intone words of blessing or touch the person, animal, or thing.
- Seal the blessing with a hand motion of your choice while pronouncing aloud it is done.

• The Thirteen Powers of the Witch When you truly take the power of Witch training into your being and strive to do the best that you can regardless of the situation, the thirteen powers of the universe are given to you. These are either transferred through a religious ceremony by those who have been gifted before you, or they can come about at their own pace as you grow and learn on your own. If a power is abused, it is thought that the gift is taken from you, either for a period of time or permanently. The powers speak of blessings that you can give to others or use for yourself to enhance your own life as well as the lives of those around you.

PART I 3 Thirteen powers do the Witches claim their right of lineage by (say the name of your patron god or goddess here)'s name. Tie a knot and say the words or hand on head the blessing conferred. A Witch can give success in love curse or bless through God/dess above. Speak to beasts and spirits alike command the weather; cast out a blight. Read the heavens and stars of the night divine the future and give good advice. Conjure treasure and bring fortune to bear heal the sick and kill despair. This

poem can be said as a blessing when giving something to another, and can be included in any spell by adding: This is my birthright to have and to share blessings upon you, (the person's name), may the spirits be fair. This poem itself is very powerful and will create change. Just be careful what you wish for. Bedtime Blessing

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