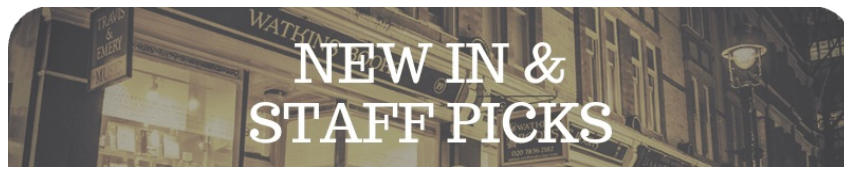


What's new at Watkins Books?

Over the last month, no less than **three** different independently published **Book/Deck sets** have arrived with us. These are publications where the authors have all produced a deck of Oracle, Meditation or Tarot cards with their accompanying book. Although each of them are uniquely different in their design and approach, they all offer a highly interactive way for the reader to put the theoretical content found in the books into practice.

We're also getting very close to **Halloween**, and if you're looking for a fitting event for the season, you're very welcome to a free in-store lecture with **Dr. Irving Finkel** who will present his latest book **FIRST GHOSTS**. Irving is a philologist and Assyriologist working as a curator at the British Museum, and this book is a treasure trove of ancient Middle Eastern ghost stories, magic and paranormality. Scroll down to find out more!





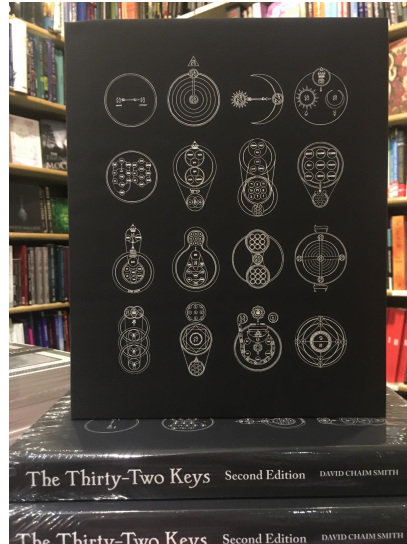
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The Serpent Ikons

Subtitled *A Sorcerous Distortion of the Tarot de Marseille Major Arcana*, this is a card deck, philosophical commentary, and grimoire; combining at the very heart of its creation primal art, writing, and magickal practice. Forged in the fire of passion for the Mysteries, the Serpent Ikons are an oblation to the Self and its Daemon in the most sacred of experiences - one's Life as a deliberate, Initiatory journey fashioned by the creativity and will of the magician.

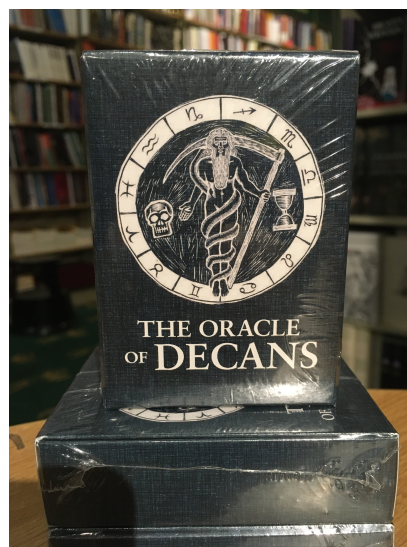
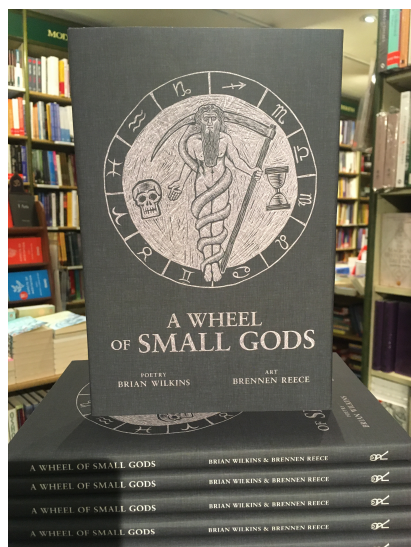
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The Thirty-Two Keys

The Thirty-Two Keys by David Chaim Smith is the third volume from the Lightning Flash of Alef series. It contains a group of symbolic images that provide an overview of the non-emanationist interpretation of the Kabbalah based on sources that span eight centuries. The images found in the book as well as the accompanying card deck support a set of contemplative exercises configured for a 288-day period and serve as an introduction to the greater path of mysticism in all its forms.

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A Wheel of Small Gods

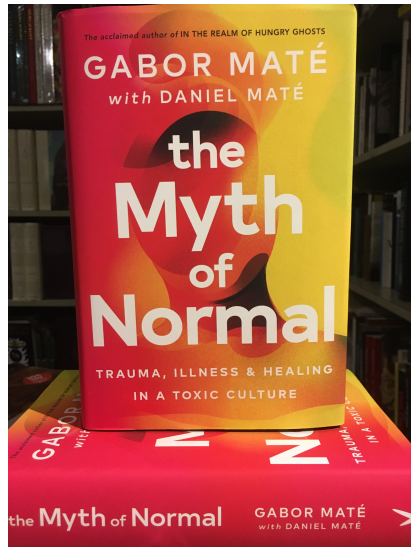
In *A Wheel of Small Gods*, Brian Wilkins and Brennen Reece offer a guide to reintroducing ritual healing by engaging with the 36 decan spirits of the Egyptian zodiac. Created within the sacred timing over a three-year process, these poems and images are talismans intended to connect you to those spirits of health and restoration. Through their many names, their sacred symbols, and the lyrics they inspire, their message is clear: you can change your life.

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The Oracle of Decans

Engraved on stones and worn as amulets since before the loss of the Great Library of Alexandria, these many-named gods promoted physical and spiritual health. This deck continues that tradition: each card is a talisman, providing images and fragments of poems for divination, protection, and healing. The double deck design allows you to go beyond seeking answers to offering magical intervention: place them on your altar, carry them in your pocket, or give them to friends in need.

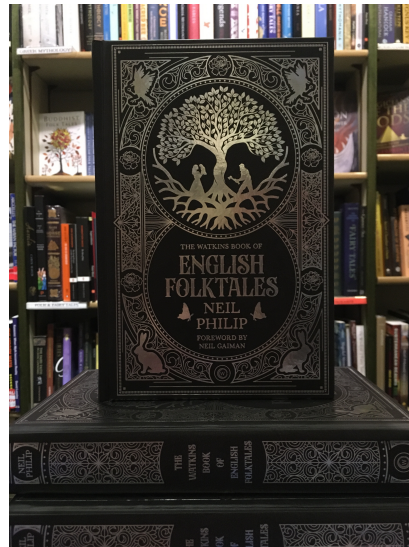
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The Myth of Normal

Over four decades of clinical experience, renowned physician and addiction expert Gabor Maté has seen how health systems neglect the role that trauma exerts on our bodies and our minds. Medicine often fails to treat the whole person, ignoring how today's culture stresses our bodies, burdens our immune systems and undermines emotional balance. Now, in his most ambitious and urgent book yet, Dr Maté connects the dots between our personal suffering and the pressures of modern-day living - with disease as a natural reflection of a life spent growing further and further apart from our true selves.

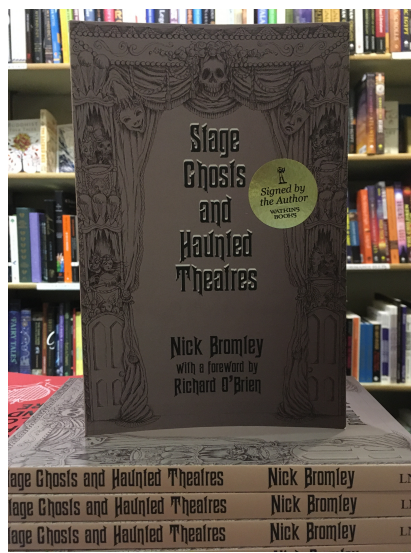
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The Watkins Book of English Folktales

This is a golden treasury of over one hundred English folktales captured in the form they were first collected in past centuries. Read these classic tales as they would have been told when storytelling was a living art - when the audience believed in boggarts and hobgoblins, local witches and will-o'-the-wisps, ghosts and giants, cunning foxes and royal frogs. Compiled and edited by Neil Philip, with a forward by Neil Gaiman.

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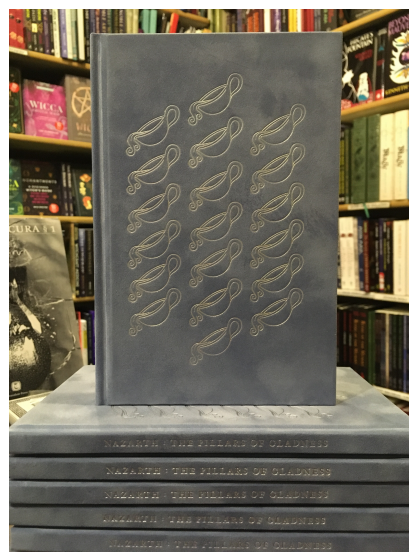


Stage Ghosts and Haunted Theatres

A book both for ghost-hunting theatre lovers and theatre-loving ghost hunters - this work will take you on a spectral visit to other 50 theatres in the UK from the relative safety of your armchair.

The author Nick Bromley has been working in theatre since the 1960's and hopes with the aid of modern medicine to reach a centenary anniversary.

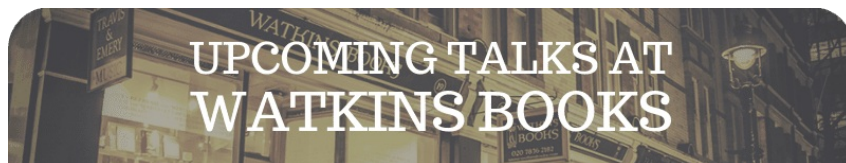
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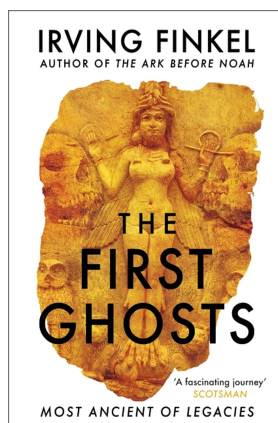
Nazareth: The Pillars of Gladness

This new book by Alexander Cummins is a treasurehouse of geomantic incantations. Its 19 keys were received and wrought through a combination of spirit communications, dream incubation, ritual cut-up, and judicious co-editing alongside tutelary shades and attendant spirits. This Angelical psalter offers prayers for opening and closing rituals of geomantic divination, as well as for clearing the potentially dangerous miasmas of "halted" shield charts, and presents calls for directly working with the spirits, virtues, and materia of each of the Sixteen Figures of Renaissance European geomancy.

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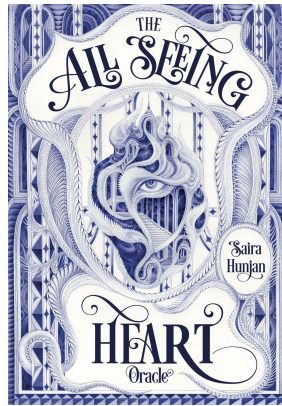


The First Ghosts - Dr. Irving Finkel Thursday 3rd November, 17.30 (in-store)

A world-renowned authority on cuneiform, the form of writing on clay tablets which dates back to 3400BC, Irving Finkel has embarked upon an ancient ghost hunt, scouring these tablets to unlock the secrets of the Sumerians, Babylonians and Assyrians to breathe new life into the first ghost stories ever written. In *The First Ghosts*, he uncovers an extraordinarily rich seam of ancient spirit wisdom which has remained hidden for nearly 4000 years, covering practical details of how to live with ghosts, how to get rid of them and bring them back, and how to avoid becoming one, as well as exploring more philosophical

questions: what are ghosts, why does the idea of them remain so powerful despite the lack of concrete evidence, and what do they tell us about being human?

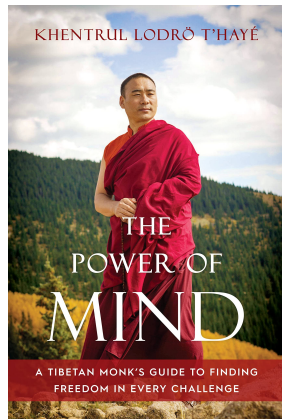
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The All Seeing Heart Oracle Deck - Saira Hunjan
Thursday 17th November, 17.30 (in-store)

This is a deck like no other, with jaw-droppingly original and beautiful artwork. The hearts are protective beings or talismans, each set in a heart temple. Using these cards to activate your heart centre, you can forge a bond with the Divine and open yourself to healing and transformation. The labyrinthine doorways, steps and passages depicted on the cards indicate the potential of passing through the heart temples into new opportunities and understanding.

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The Power of Mind - Khentrul Lodrö T'hayé Rinpoche
Wednesday 23rd November, 17.30 (in-store)

The Tibetan Nyingma Lama Khentrul Rinpoche studied at the renowned Larung Gar academy in Tibet with one of the most influential and greatest Dzogchen masters of modern times, Jigme Phuntsog Rinpoche. His other teachers include Katog Rinpoche, and Penor Rinpoche in the Palyul tradition. He was later invited to the USA by Chagdud Tulku, where he is now based. Although highly respected as a great scholar-yogi, he chooses to focus on the importance of Lojong, or Mind Training teachings, as relevant practices for the turbulent and disturbing times of today's world. This is his first visit to the UK.

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