

# What's new at Watkins Books?

Our supplier of rare Asian artifacts and ritual implements just brought in a beautiful selection of **phurbas** from Nepal. These are ceremonial daggers or spikes mainly used in Vajrayana Buddhist and Bön rituals to transfix and liberate various negative spiritual influences.

We highly recommend that you come by the shop to get a closer look at them!

If you are interested in having an in-store as well as online session with one of our **readers**, you can now find all the information you need on our <u>website</u>, under the header **tarot readings**.



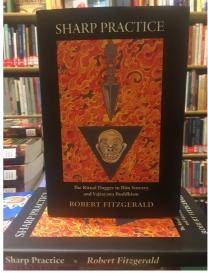


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## Vajrakīlaya

In Kyabje Garchen Rinpoche's first major collection of tantric teachings, he offers a complete manual for the visualization and supplication of the deity Vajrakīlaya. This ancient tantric practice centers on familiarizing oneself with the wrathful deity as a method for traversing the path to enlightenment. With clear instructions and insightful commentary, Garchen Rinpoche highlights the cultivation of bodhicitta at every stage of the path.

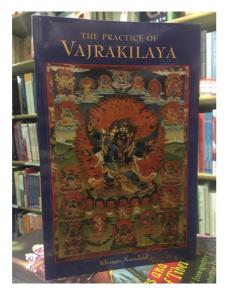


## Sharp Practice

Sharp Practice is a short exposition upon 'Dagger as Deity' as purely expressed within Bön animist practice and Vajrayana Buddhism. It further delineates the evolution of the Phurba as ritual weapon. Examining its deific essence, as well as its iconography, the book concludes with a rite dedicated to the Three Jewels, inspired by each tradition.

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The Practice of Vajrakilaya

In this series of teachings, originally given over a three-day period in 1995, Khenpo Namdrol presents a lucid and detailed explantation of the history and practice of Vajrakilaya. Not only are these teachings indispensable for those drawn to the practice, but they will be of tremendous interest and inspiration to Vajrakilaya practictioners everywhere.



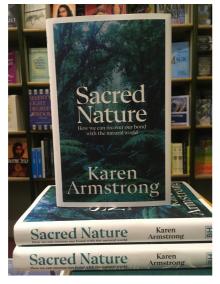
#### The Wiccapedia Spell Deck

With 100 key spells, this stunning deck from the expert authors of the bestselling Wiccapedia books covers everything the modern witch needs. There are spells for: love; self-care; protection; healing; money and career success; cleansing and purification; meditation, spirituality and sabbats; and pets and nature. An accompanying booklet provides the necessary basics



on Wicca, plus instructions and advice on using the cards.

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#### Sacred Nature

In this hugely powerful book, Karen Armstrong argues that if we want to avert environmental catastrophe, it is not enough to change our behaviour: we need to learn to think and feel differently about the natural world - to rekindle our spiritual bond with nature. For most of human history, and in almost all the world's cultures, nature was believed to be sacred, and our God or gods to be present everywhere in the natural world

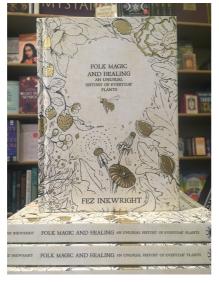




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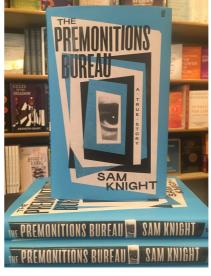
This useful, pocket-sized book is presented as two books in one; in an intriguing 'double-fronted' format. The first side, A Folk Medicine Herbal, presents the medicinal herbal information and recipes as passed on to the author. He has complimented this material with the addition of the second, 'reverse' side of the book, A Folk Magic Herbal, giving the traditional magical uses for the same plants presented in the first.

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## Folk Magic And Healing

Throughout history, plants have played a key and vital role to our existence. Whether as a foodstuff, medicine, building material, or religious aid, the way that we re-purpose and domesticate plants has shaped a core part of the development of human culture. This book a collection of many of these beliefs, aiming to inspire a greater appreciation of our wild plants and countrysides. This stunningly illustrated treasury of the folklore of flora is packed with insight, lore and the revealed mysteries of everyday plants perfect for gardeners, writers, folklorists, witches and general knowledge buffs alike!



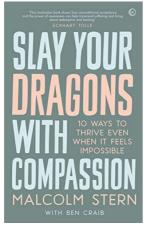
#### **The Premonitions Bureau**

John Barker, a dynamic psychiatrist working in an outdated British mental hospital, established the Premonitions Bureau to investigate paranormal events. He would find a network of hundreds of correspondents. Among them were two unnervingly gifted "percipients". Together, the pair predicted plane crashes, assassinations and international incidents, with uncanny accuracy. This is an enthralling true story, of madness and wonder, science and the supernatural - a journey to the most powerful and unsettling reaches of the human mind.

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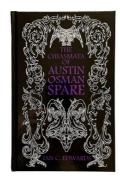
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## Slay Your Dragons with Compassion Malcolm Stern Thursday 25th August 17:30 (Online)

Join us for this free online event where Michael Stern will present his book SLAY YOUR DRAGONS WITH COMPASSION.

When renowned psychotherapist Malcom Stern's daughter Melissa took her own life in 2014 he experienced most parents' worst nightmare and his grief made him challenge every aspect of his work and life. It thrust his growth and development forwards in ways he never thought possible, forcing him to confront his fears and work through his biggest blocks.

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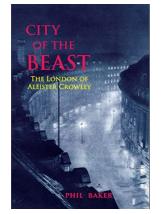
### Ian Edwards - The Chiasmata of Austin Osman Spare Thursday 1st September 17:30 (Online)

On 1st September we are joined by Ian Edwards PhD for a presentation of his latest book "The Chiasmata of Austin Osman Spare" (Atramentous Press).

This book gives present the philosophy expressed in Spare's Book of Pleasure from a unique perspective. Inspired by the works of Heidegger, Derrida, Sartre and other modern philosophers, Edwards seeks to reconsider the common reading and interpretations of the work of AOS.

This is the second volume in the author's "Being and Nonbeing in Occult Experience" series.

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## Phil Baker - City of the Beast Thursday 8th September 17.30 (in-store)

On 8th September we are delighted to be joined by author Phil Baker for a presentation of his latest book "City of the Beast: The London of Aleister Crowley".

Not a walking guide, although many routes could be pieced together from its pages, this is a biography by sites. A fusion of life-writing with psychogeography, steeped in London's social history from Victoria to the Blitz, it draws extensively on unpublished material and offers an exceptionally intimate picture of the Great Beast.

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