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The story of the Salem witch trials includes a script for readers' theater.

Salem Witchcraft is one of the most famous books published on the Salem Witch Trials. Author Charles Upham was a foremost scholar on the subject, as well as a Massachusetts senator.

Only volume one of the series is included in this Anthology.

*Includes descriptions of the trials and executions of the accused. *Includes testimony from some of the cases and the petitions of some of the accused asking for clemency. *Includes

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pictures depicting important people, places, and events.

*Includes a Bibliography for further reading. "More than once it has been said, too, that the Salem witchcraft was the rock on which the theocracy shattered." - George Lincoln Burr A lot of ink has been spilled covering the lives of history's most influential figures, but how much of the forest is lost for the trees? In Charles River Editors' American Legends series, readers can get caught up to speed on the lives of America's most important men and women in the time it takes to finish a commute, while learning interesting facts long

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forgotten or never known. The sleepy town of Salem, Massachusetts was not unlike every other small village that dotted the countryside around Boston until 1692, when religious authorities held a series of hearings accusing dozens of people of witchcraft across a handful of towns outside of Boston, including Ipswich and Andover. However, since the most notorious trials were held in Salem, they have been known ever since as the Salem Witch Trials. Today the Salem Witch Trials are often remembered as being a relic of a superstitious past, and Salem has transformed itself into a

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tourist haven and Halloween destination by capitalizing off the Salem Witch trials. But it was deadly serious in 1692, when 19 men and women found themselves taken to "Gallows Hill" and hanged for being witches. Another man who was over 80 years old was pressed to death for refusing to be tried for witchcraft. And from February 1692 - May 1693, hundreds of others were accused of witchcraft, and dozens of them were imprisoned for months until the mass hysteria finally died down. The Salem Witch Trials are still taught to American schoolchildren, but much of the

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context is removed from the narrative, and important questions are often never posed. How did the Salem Witch Trials go on for over a year? Why did it happen in Salem? Why were the condemned people accused of witchcraft?

American Legends: The Salem Witch Trials chronicles the history that led up to the infamous trials, and the legends and myths surrounding them. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Salem Witch Trials like you never have before, in no time at all. This book relays the factual details of the Salem witch trials

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that took place in colonial Massachusetts in the late 1600s. The narrative provides multiple accounts of the event, and readers learn details through the point of view of a minister, an accused witch, and an accuser. The text offers opportunities to compare and contrast various perspectives in the text while gathering and analyzing information about a historical event.

A Storm of Witchcraft
Records of the Salem Witch-Hunt

A Dark Time In America's History, What & When it Started, Causes Of The Salem Witch Trials, Victims, Events,

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and Facts About The Infamous History Of The Salem Witch Trials Of 1692

The Salem Trials and the American Experience

Reading the Witch Trials of 1692

The Untold Story of the Accused and Their Accusers in the Salem Witch Trials

In this spooky book from the nonfiction An Unsolved Mystery from History picture book series, tragedy strikes Salem, Massachusetts, in 1692 as the community is torn apart by accusations of witchcraft. When a group of girls came down with a horrible, mysterious bout of illness, they pointed the finger at people in

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their community they claimed were witches. Soon, the whole town was convinced they were in danger from supernatural forces. Today, we have details about the accusations, trials, and those who lost their lives, but the question remains: What caused the mass hysteria? Become a detective, study the clues, and see if you can help solve this chilling mystery from history! Stories of magic, superstition, and witchcraft were strictly forbidden in the little town of Salem Village. But a group of young girls ignored those rules, spellbound by the tales told by a woman named Tituba. When questioned about their activities, the terrified girls set off a whirlwind of controversy as they

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accused townspeople after townspeople of being witches. Author Shirley Jackson examines in careful detail this horrifying true story of accusations, trials, and executions that shook a community to its foundations.

Against the backdrop of a Puritan theocracy threatened by change, in a population terrified not only of eternal damnation but of the earthly dangers of Indian massacres and recurrent smallpox epidemics, a small group of girls denounces a black slave and others as worshipers of Satan. Within two years, twenty men and women are hanged or pressed to death and over a hundred others imprisoned and impoverished. In *The Salem*

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Witch Trials Reader, Frances Hill provides and astutely comments upon the actual documents from the trial--examinations of suspected witches, eyewitness accounts of "Satanic influence," as well as the testimony of those who retained their reason and defied the madness. Always drawing on firsthand documents, she illustrates the historical background to the witchhunt and shows how the trials have been represented, and sometimes distorted, by historians--and how they have fired the imaginations of poets, playwrights, and novelists. For those fascinated by the Salem witch trials, this is compelling reading and the sourcebook.

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This book provides an engaging re-examination of the Salem witch trials of 1692.

Mysteries of the Salem Witch Trials

A Brief History with Documents

The Guilt of Innocent Blood

The Absolutely True Tale of

Disaster in Salem

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The Salem Witch Hunt

Sifting through the facts, myths, and half-truths surrounding the 1692 witch trials in Salem, Massachusetts, a historian draws on primary sources to explore the events of that time.

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This book discusses the role of children in the Salem witch trials through a close reading of the many and varied narratives of the trials, including court records, contemporary and historical documents, fiction, drama, and poetry. Taking a critical theory approach to explore both what we might understand as a child in 1692 New England and to consider our adult investment in reading the child, Kristina West explores

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narratives of the afflicted girls and the many accused children whom are often absent or overlooked in histories, and considers how the trial structure is continually repeated in attempts to establish the respective guilt and innocence of these and other groups. This book also analyses later manuscripts and fictional rewritings of the trials to question the basis on which assumptions about the child in history are

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made, and to consider why such narratives of Salem's children are still relevant now. Complete, Unabridged Guide to Salem witch trials. Get the information you need--fast! This comprehensive guide offers a thorough view of key knowledge and detailed insight. It's all you need. Here's part of the content - you would like to know it all? Delve into this book today!..... : It is gradually revealed that

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she had been dancing in the woods with the girls of Salem and performing voodoo rituals with her uncle's slave, Tituba.

... When rumors begin to circulate that there is witchcraft in the town, Abigail and Betty Parris began to name people as having been in league with the devil, which was the most common way a witch was identified, to save themselves. ...

In the play and the films made from it, Abigail accuses Goody Proctor, John's wife, of

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being a witch in order to get to him. ... In the novel Deliverance from Evil by Frances Hill, Abigail is told by her uncle that she is going to be sent away like her cousin Betty Parris, so for a while she becomes depressed and accepts that she is being tormented and attacked by spectres and witches to the point where she takes a rope and hangs herself in a field near the Parris parsonage. There is absolutely nothing that

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isn't thoroughly covered in the book. It is straightforward, and does an excellent job of explaining all about Salem witch trials in key topics and material. There is no reason to invest in any other materials to learn about Salem witch trials. You'll understand it all. Inside the Guide: Salem witch trials, Encephalitis lethargica, Elizabeth Proctor, Elizabeth Hubbard (Salem), Elizabeth Howe, Edward Bishop III,

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Edward Bishop (Salem), Dorothy Good, Dorcas Hoar, Deodat Lawson, Deliverance Hobbs, Danvers, Massachusetts, Cultural depictions of the Salem witch trials, Crushing (execution), Cotton Mather, Claviceps purpurea, Bury St. Edmunds witch trials, Bridget Bishop, Bridget Bishop, Bloodlines of Salem, Blackstone's formulation, Bideford witch trial, Betty Parris, Bartholomew Gedney, Arthur Miller, Ann Putnam, Jr., Ann

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Ann Foster, Andover,
Massachusetts, Alse
Young, Alice Parker
(Salem), Abigail
Williams*

*Would your readers join
the madness? It is a
frigid cold winter in
Salem Village,
Massachusetts in 1692.
Some teenage girls may
be suffering from
mysterious afflictions.
They accused certain
townspeople of being
witches. What would you
do? Would your readers
believe the girls? Would*

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your readers defend the accused during the trials? Give them an opportunity to find out about this tragic period in American history.

A Bane in Salem

A Captivating Guide to the Hunt and Trials of People Accused of Witchcraft in Colonial Massachusetts

Diary of Samuel Sewall

ACCUSED: a Tale of the Salem Witch Trials

The Salem Witch Trials

An Unsolved Mystery from History

Between June 10 and September 22,

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1692, nineteen people were hanged for practicing witchcraft in Salem, Massachusetts. One person was pressed to death, and over 150 others were jailed, where still others died. The Story of the Salem Witch Trials is a history of that event. It provides a much needed synthesis of the most recent scholarship on the subject, places the trials into the context of the Great European Witch-Hunt, and relates the events of 1692 to witch-hunting throughout seventeenth century New England. This complex and difficult subject is covered in a uniquely accessible manner that captures all the drama that surrounded the Salem witch trials. From beginning to end, the reader is carried along by the author's powerful narration and mastery of the subject. While covering the subject in impressive detail, Bryan Le Beau maintains a broad perspective

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on events, and wherever possible, lets the historical characters speak for themselves. Le Beau highlights the decisions made by individuals responsible for the trials that helped turn what might have been a minor event into a crisis that has held the imagination of students of American history.

The Salem Witch Trials has inspired several films, documentaries and TV series, which only goes to show how interesting they were. But instead of just believing fiction, why don't you learn the facts yourself? You can read this book and gather as much information as you could about the trivial trials. Get a copy today!

Describes conditions in seventeenth-century Salem Village, Massachusetts, at the time of the witchcraft trials, recounts some of the most notable cases,

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and discusses the way the trials were conducted.

Presents an historical analysis of the Salem witch trials, examining the factors that may have led to the mass hysteria, including a possible occurrence of ergot poisoning, a frontier war in Maine, and local political rivalries.

Salem Witch Trials - Unabridged Guide 1692 in the Thirteen Colonies

Salem Witchcraft

Salem Witch Trials

A Short History of the Salem Village

Witchcraft Trials Illustrated by a

Verbatim Report of the Trial of Mrs.

Elizabeth Howe

The Salem Witch Trials Reader

"What was it like to be there and, if you were lucky, to live through it? In a compelling combination of

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narrative and groundbreaking historical research, Salem Witch Trial scholar Marilynne K. Roach vividly brings the terrifying times to life while skillfully illuminating the lives of the accused, the accusers, and the afflicted."--Back cover.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Cleopatra*, the #1 national bestseller, unpacks the mystery of the Salem Witch Trials. It began in 1692, over an exceptionally raw Massachusetts winter, when a minister's daughter began to scream and convulse. It ended less than a year later, but not before 19 men and women had been hanged and an elderly man

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crushed to death. The panic spread quickly, involving the most educated men and prominent politicians in the colony.

Neighbors accused neighbors, parents and children each other.

Aside from suffrage, the Salem Witch Trials represent the only moment when women played the central role in American history. In curious ways, the trials would shape the future republic. As psychologically thrilling as it is historically seminal, *THE WITCHES* is Stacy Schiff's account of this fantastical story—the first great American mystery unveiled fully for the first time by one of our most acclaimed

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historians.

Discover The Dark History Of Salem Witch Trials - A Concise History From Beginning To End! There are very few people who haven't heard of Salem, and the infamous Witch Trials, popularly known as Salem Witch Trials, that took place in Salem between 1692 to 1693. These trials cost twenty people their lives, they were executed, while another two hundred were imprisoned, and five of those people died as well. So what started it all anyway? Was it just the Puritans dealing with a witch kick hysteria? Did they use less desirable or perhaps too desirable of people

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as scapegoats for their own failings? To be fair and not be guilty of the same crimes as the Puritans were in 1692, this remarkable book: "THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS A Concise History from Beginning to End," uncovers everything for you to understand better this dark story which is still shrouded in mystery to this day. Inside this book, "THE SALEM WITCH TRIALS," you'll discover: Life As a New England Puritan How Salem Village Discovers 3 Witches Stupid People in Large Groups What Happened to all the Accused Individual Lives Affected Death Toll How the Salem Witch

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hysteria ended Life after the Salem Witch Trials ...And much more! See the table of contents by clicking on "Look inside." Honestly, if you want a concise and informative book on the Salem Witch Trials, simply scroll up and click on the Buy Now button to order your copy now! The accusations, denials, and confessions of this legal story eventually resurrect the tangled internal tensions that lay at the bottom of the Salem witch hunts.

A Tale of the Salem Witch Trials
A Guide to the Salem Witchcraft
Hysteria of 1692
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With an Account of Salem Village, and a History of Opinions on Witchcraft and Kindred Subjects
Remembering the Witch Trials in Nineteenth-Century America
Cry "Witch!"

Orphan-girl Hannah True battles strange happenings, suspicion, and angry villagers when her town believes it's under attack by witches. The Survival Series that celebrates the awesome history of us. From bestselling author Scott Peters and Salem Witch whiz Juliet Fry comes a gripping retelling of the Salem Witch Trials for modern young readers. Short attention spans | Chapter Book | Ages 8-12 | B&W Illustrations On a

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stormy night, young orphan Hannah is terrified to see witches' fingers tapping at her bedroom window. Are they real or just a trick of the moon? The next morning, her best friend says a witch's spirit attacked her in the dark. Hannah is alarmed. Could this be true? When a neighbor's child begins acting strangely, villagers are sure that witchcraft is at work. A dear friend of Hannah's mother is blamed--but Hannah refuses to believe such terrible talk. Unfortunately, Hannah's rebellion makes her look suspicious. Why is she protecting this woman? Whose side is she on? Hannah

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is no witch expert--she's a servant in a farmhouse. She has no one to defend her and she's out of her element. Can this brave but frightened colonial girl ever hope to escape disaster? This is the 6th children's book in the I Escaped Series about brave boys and girls who face real-world challenges and find ways to escape disaster. Sure to appeal to fans of New York Times Bestseller Lauren Tarshis's I Survived Series, The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George Speare, Little Witch by Anna Elizabeth Bennett, What Were The Salem Witch Trials, and The Witches by Roald Dahl. The short chapters make for easy

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wins, and Hannah's gripping situation keeps even reluctant readers turning pages just to find out what's going to happen next. Great for kids book clubs and classrooms--a study guide is available at <https://scottpetersbooks.com/worksheets> Packed with a special section on facts about the Salem Witch trials that's sure to satisfy curious minds. Flesch Reading Ease: 85.6 Flesch-Kincaid Grade Level 3.2 An important, relevant read about bravery, kindness, and courage. Collect the whole I Escaped Series "a must for every reading list" Can Hannah survive disaster? Read it and find out! Letitia had always been

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branded as different in the Village of Salem. But now in a time when being different brings danger, she finds herself at the mercy of the opinion of her neighbors. Although she is being courted by two men, can she rely on either of them to defend her from the storm that swirls around her, as the Village is caught up in a maelstrom of accusations? What happened in Salem over three hundred years ago? Was it an outbreak of mass hysteria fueled by superstition? Were there truly witches among the pious Puritans who made their home in the New World to establish a kingdom of God on earth? Or did someone

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execute bitter vengeance against their oppressors and bring destruction on the innocent? L. M. Roth, author of the Quest For the Kingdom series, The Princess Who series, and Battleground: Elijah and the War With Jezebel, weaves a spellbinding tale of the mysterious incidents that occurred in Salem more than three centuries ago. With insight and historical detail the Salem Witch Trials come vividly to life, and the blood of those wronged cries out for justice even now. The Salem witch trials stand as one of the infamous moments in colonial American history. More than 150 people

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-- primarily women -- from 24 communities were charged with witchcraft; 19 were hanged and others died in prison. This second edition continues to explore the beliefs, fears, and historical context that fueled the witch panic of 1692. In his revised introduction, Richard Godbeer offers coverage of the convulsive ergotism thesis advanced in the 1970s and a discussion of new scholarship on men who were accused of witchcraft for explicitly gendered reasons. The documents in this volume illuminate how the Puritans' worldview led them to seek a supernatural explanation for the problems vexing their

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community. Presented as case studies, the carefully chosen records from several specific trials offer a clear picture of the gender norms and social tensions that underlie the witchcraft accusations. New to this edition are records from the trial of Samuel Wardwell, a fortune-teller or "cunning man" whose apparent expertise made him vulnerable to suspicions of witchcraft. The book's final documents cover recantations of confessions, the aftermath of the witch hunt, and statements of regret. A chronology of the witchcraft crisis, questions for consideration, and a selected bibliography round out the

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book's pedagogical support. In The Specter of Salem, Gretchen A. Adams reveals the many ways that the Salem witch trials loomed over the American collective memory from the Revolution to the Civil War and beyond. Schoolbooks in the 1790s, for example, evoked the episode to demonstrate the new nation's progress from a disorderly and brutal past to a rational present, while critics of new religious movements in the 1830s cast them as a return to Salem-era fanaticism, and during the Civil War, southerners evoked witch burning to criticize Union tactics. Shedding new light on the many, varied

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American invocations of Salem, Adams ultimately illuminates the function of collective memories in the life of a nation. “Imaginative and thoughtful. . . . Thought-provoking, informative, and convincingly presented, The Specter of Salem is an often spellbinding mix of politics, cultural history, and public historiography.”— New England Quarterly “This well-researched book, forgoing the usual heft of scholarly studies, is not another interpretation of the Salem trials, but an important major work within the scholarly literature on the witch-hunt, linking the hysteria of the period to the evolving history

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required acquisition for
academic libraries.”—Choice,
Outstanding Academic Title
2009***

The Specter of Salem

***I Escaped The Salem Witch
Trials***

***Reading the Salem Witch
Child***

Witch-Hunt

***Would You Join the Madness?
A Concise History of Salem
Witch Trials from Beginning
to End***

The doctrine of familiar spirits was current in most ancient times. It is possible that immediately after the fall in Adam the imprisoned spirit of man began to assert its former freedom and ability. The old Scriptures depicted the witch 's character, gave warning of her

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blighting influence, and enacted heavy penalties against employing her agency. In Exodus, xxii. 18: "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live." In Leviticus, xx. 27: "A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them." In Deuteronomy, xviii. 9-12: "When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or any observer of times, or any enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer; for all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord."

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"Amid a time of turmoil, the ""afflicted girls"" of 1692 Salem, Massachusetts cried out against scores of accused witches. Smallpox epidemics, drought, and Native American attacks unsettled Puritan society. Witch hysteria arose, then, with charges against a beggar and a slave and later swept up children and respected church members. Within a year, public reaction to the accusations -- and to the deaths of 20 people -- put an end to the witch trials. Court transcripts and contemporary accounts give insight into the events of 1692, from the words of those who lived and died during the trials."

Discover The Dark History Of Salem Witch Trials - A History From Beginning To End! The Salem Witch trials are a chapter in the study of human behavior. It shows how the

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narrow-minded beliefs of some can cause so much destruction. It shows us the extent of conformity that can exist in society and how, at that time, people who tried to find a voice of their own and be unique were targeted for the same. However, the biggest irony of the Salem witch trials is that the people, who feared that Satan was among them, possessed so much evil in their own hearts. And by carrying out the task of wrongfully harming the innocent, they emerged as devils. That is why anyone who hears of the town of Salem immediately thinks of the Salem witch trials of 1692. Probably one of the most controversial occurrences of the time, the trials were a perfect example of what can happen when ignorance and mass hysteria combine. In this book "SALEM WITCH TRIALS" A Dark Time In America's

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History, I went a little deeper into What It Was, When Exactly It Started, Causes Of The Salem Witch Trials, Victims, Events That Took Place, And Facts That You Need To Know About The Infamous History Of The Salem Witch Trials Of 1692. What You Will Get: What the Salem Witchcraft Trials were When the Salem Witch Trials started Causes of the Salem Witch Trials The initial accusation The Court of Oyer and Terminer Further accusations First trial The executions Rebecca Nurse's death by hanging Corey's death by (peine forte et dure). How Salem Witch Trials ended The last executions Reasons why some victims were targeted Life after the Salem Witch Trials ...And much more! See the table of contents by clicking on "Look inside." Honestly, if you want a concise and informative book on the

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American Legends

The Story of the Salem Witch Trials

What Were the Salem Witch Trials?

The Makers of the Salem Witchcraft
Trials

Something wicked was brewing in the small town of Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. It started when two girls, Betty Parris and Abigail Williams, began having hysterical fits. Soon after, other local girls claimed

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they were being pricked with pins. With no scientific explanation available, the residents of Salem came to one conclusion: it was witchcraft! Over the next year and a half, nineteen people were convicted of witchcraft and hanged while more languished in prison as hysteria swept the colony. Author Joan Holub gives readers an inside look at this sinister chapter in history.

Decades after witch-hunting had begun to die down in Europe, North America was about to witness its bloodiest witch hunt in history. The Massachusetts of 1692 was a very different

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one to the state we know today. Populated by colonists, many of them a generation or less from life in an England bathed in religious turmoil, "The Crucible" is a 1952 play by the American playwright Arthur Miller. It is a dramatization of the Salem witch trials that took place in the Province of Massachusetts Bay during 1692 and 1693. Miller wrote the play as an allegory of McCarthyism, when the US government blacklisted accused communists. Miller himself was questioned by the House of Representatives' Committee on Un-American Activities in

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1956 and convicted of "contempt of Congress" for refusing to identify others present at meetings he had attended. It was first performed at the Martin Beck Theater on Broadway on January 22, 1953. Miller felt that this production was too stylized and cold and the reviews for it were largely hostile (although The New York Times noted "a powerful play in a driving performance"). Nonetheless, the production won the 1953 "Best Play" Tony Award. A year later a new production succeeded and the play became a classic. It is a central work in the canon of American drama. Fuji Books'

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edition of "The Crucible" contains supplementary texts: * "Tragedy And The Common Man", an essay by Arthur Miller. * Excerpts from Nathaniel Hawthorne's magnum opus "The Scarlet Letter", a narrative of the Salem Witch trials. * A few selected quotes of Arthur Miller.

The Salem Witch Trials is based on over twenty-five years of archival research--including the author's discovery of previously unknown documents--newly found cases and court records. From January 1692 to January 1697 this history unfolds a nearly day-by-day narrative

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of the crisis as the citizens of New England experienced it.

The Witchcraft of Salem Village

The Salem Witchcraft Trials

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The Witches

Six Women of Salem

This book offers a comprehensive record of legal documents written in 1692 and 1693 in connection with the Salem witch trials. It is the most comprehensive edition of those records ever published, and includes for the first time the records in chronological order, all newly transcribed from the original manuscripts

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What's so special about Salem Witch Trials? In this new, compelling book from author Mitsue Reynolds, find out more about Salem Witch Trials ... The Salem witch trials were a series of hearings and prosecutions of people accused of witchcraft in colonial Massachusetts, between February 1692 and May 1693. Despite being generally known as the Salem witch trials, the preliminary hearings in 1692 were conducted in a variety of towns across the province: Salem Village, Ipswich, Andover and Salem Town. The most infamous trials were conducted by the Court of Oyer and Terminer in 1692 in Salem Town. One contemporary writer summed the results of the trials thus: At least five more of the accused died in prison. The episode is one of the most famous cases of mass hysteria, and

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has been used in political rhetoric and popular literature as a vivid cautionary tale about the dangers of isolationism, religious extremism, false accusations and lapses in due process. It was not unique, being an American example of the much larger phenomenon of witch trials in the Early Modern period, but many have considered the lasting impressions from the trials to have been highly influential in subsequent American history. So, what separates this book from the rest? A

comprehensive narrative of Salem Witch Trials, this book gives a full understanding of the subject. A brief guide of subject areas covered in "1692 In The Thirteen Colonies - Salem Witch Trials" include -- Salem witch trials- Timeline of the Salem witch trials- Spectral evidence- Cultural depictions of the Salem witch

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trials- Medical and psychological explanations of bewitchment Find out more of this subject, it's intricacies and it's nuances. Discover more about it's importance. Develop a level of understanding required to comprehend this fascinating concept. Author Mitsue Reynolds has worked hard researching and compiling this fundamental work, and is proud to bring you "1692 In The Thirteen Colonies - Salem Witch Trials" ...Read this book today ...

The colony of Massachusetts in 1692 was a harsh place. Disease, hunger, and the threat of war made life stressful. Colonists clung to their religious faith and looked for someone to blame. Some accused their fellow colonists of causing the troubles through the practice of witchcraft. The hysteria spread until no one was safe.

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Will you: Attempt to defend yourself against charges of witchcraft? Try to keep your family together as your mother is put on trial? Accuse someone else of being a witch?

If you lived in 1692 Salem, Massachusetts, what if you were accused of witchcraft? What would you do if you were singled out with false evidence, and your very life was at stake? Accused: A Tale of the Salem Witch Trials is historical fiction; a novel based upon real events that turns into romance and treachery. Ruth Putnam lives in 1692 Salem, and she witnesses the mass accusations of witchcraft coming closer and closer...until it finally reaches her, and she is put on trial for her very life. This novel focuses upon the theory that tainted rye grain, infected with the ergot virus (which is a strong

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hallucinogen if ingested), may have been the original catalyst in an event of horrific magnitude that was the Salem Witch Trials."An exciting and unflinching trip into a dark period of American history. I was really there with Ruth; trying to make sense of it all as the madness builds." - Jeffrey L. Shipley, publisher of Tales of Blood and Roses

A History Perspectives Book

Salem Story

The Crucible

An Interactive History Adventure

Alice Ray and the Salem Witch Trials

Tackling the same twisted subject as Stacy Schiff's much-lauded book *The Witches: Salem, 1692*, this Sibert Honor book for young readers features unique scratchboard illustrations,

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chilling primary source material, and powerful narrative to tell the true tale. In the little colonial town of Salem Village, Massachusetts, two girls began to twitch, mumble, and contort their bodies into strange shapes. The doctor tried every remedy, but nothing cured the young Puritans. He grimly announced the dire diagnosis: the girls were bewitched! And then the accusations began. The riveting, true story of the victims, accused witches, crooked officials, and mass hysteria that turned a mysterious illness affecting two children into a witch hunt that took over a dozen people's lives and ruined hundreds more unfolds in chilling, novelistic detail—complete with stylized black-white-and-red scratchboard illustrations of young

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