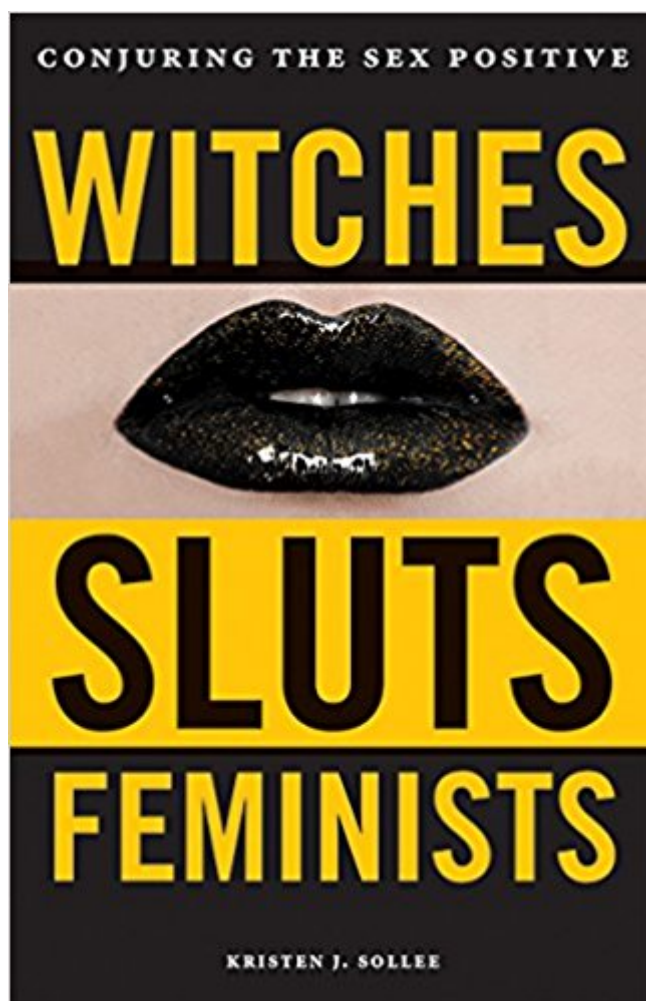


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# Witches, Sluts, Feminists: Conjuring The Sex Positive



## Synopsis

Witch, Slut, Feminist: these contested identities are informing millennial women as they counter a tortuous history of misogyny with empowerment. This innovative primer highlights sexual liberation as it traces the lineage of 'witch feminism' through art, film, music, fashion, literature, technology, religion, pop culture, and politics. Juxtaposing scholarly research on the demonization of women and female sexuality that has continued since the witch hunts of the early modern era with pop occulture analyses and interviews with activists, artists, scholars, and practitioners of witchcraft, this book addresses and illuminates contemporary conversations about reproductive rights, sexual pleasure, queer identity, pornography, sex work, and more. Author Kristen J. Sollee elucidates the ways in which women have been persecuted for their perceived connection with witchcraft, and how they have fought back, harnessing the legacy of the witch for revolutionary means. Kristen J. Sollee is an instructor at The New School and founding editrix of Slutist, an award-winning sex positive feminist website.

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"A whirlwind history of the witch in America and her shared history with sexually liberated women and radical liberationary politics." - Kim Kelly, The Guardian

"If you're looking for a thoughtful, informed look at the origins of European witchhood and slutdom from past to present, then you have stuck gold with Witches, Sluts, Feminists." - Jessica Reidy, BUST "Part history, part compendium, part

feminist grimoire – Dianca London Potts, NYLON – “This accessible guide is engrossing and succinct. Each chapter is only a few pages, but don’t let the slimness of the volume fool you. There are no wasted words, for words have intentions, as we well know, and Sollee provides informative background information in each chapter, slowly building on the history of witches, sex positivity, and feminism. – Nicole Moore, Dear Darkling

Kristen J. Sollee teaches undergraduate gender studies courses at The New School and is the founding editrix of Slutist, an award-winning sex positive feminist website. Her popular Legacy of the Witch charity festival in Brooklyn honors the witch as an icon of female power and persecution through music, art and burlesque.

So readable and accessible due to the perfect combination of good writing, and thorough research into this important and timely topic for today’s political and cultural scene. The seamless, unbiased way in which the author ties-in the witch, slut and feminist was edifying, thoughtful and thought-provoking. So many angles on these three words and their intersection that I hadn’t fully realized or understood. I come away stunned by the long “herstory” of the “witch” and the current tie-in with the “slut” that affects us all – all races, all genders, and I’m inspired and hopeful for the awakening that is occurring. This is not a whiner, not some political diatribe; it’s academic, insightful and digestible. As a second wave feminist who rode the waves of social and political change in the 60’s and 70’s, I have been updated, inspired, and informed by this intelligent book.

I highly recommend this book to witches, sluts, feminists, and folks intrigued by these inflammatory monikers. This is a concise and intriguing history of fringe women and their plight, a narrative that dips into the past and comes right back to the present without missing a beat. Highlighting how little has changed for women who buck against the patriarchy, this book will make you angry while empowering you to stand in your rebellion with the countless other witches, sluts, and feminists who will not tolerate the oppression of those seeking to wield these epithets against women who refuse to conform!

This is a super amazing book. Each page blew my mind like I was absorbing Eve’s forbidden knowledge from Satan which of course I could not get enough of. Devoured it in one sitting. A quick read as it’s short, but so rich & full of intensely delicious tidbits. Essential reading for any feminist

hot witch who wants to historically contextualize her practice and know she's not alone on the Wiccan path

Required reading for every woman the age twelve and over. Brilliant. I'm looking to all the classic texts referenced and building a Wiccan practice asap.

LOVE THIS BOOK!!!!

Witches, Sluts, Feminists: Conjuring the Sex Positive is thought-provoking and relevant exploration of gender issues that have plugged our society for centuries and still continue to do so. We learn history of feminism from the early witch trials to present day. I found the parallels between witches and feminists very interesting. All strong women who didn't/don't fit with the patriarchal view of femininity and were/are persecuted for challenging the patriarchy. In the past these women were called witches, they were punished and often executed. In the present their persecution is more subtle, they are called bitches, nasty women, etc'. This book also touches on issues that LGBTQ individuals continue to experience. Witches, Sluts, Feminists should be read by everyone who wants to understand how patriarchal culture suppressed and still suppresses women and persons with non-traditional gender identities, and the fight we still have to fight for equal rights.\*ARC provided by the publisher via Edelweiss

Scholarly, detailed but very readable treatment of the history of witchcraft and how it relates to multiple aspects of feminism.

Sollee delivers a comprehensive piece of literature through the eyes of history, experience, and tales from lustrous feminists and advocates. Her research of witches, sluts, and feminists examines the correlation between the three while presenting the dangers of how these words are used in a negative manner from the beginning of time thru modern day. Witches, Sluts, Feminists takes you back in time and then fast-forwards to today with delightful insight from women, transgenders and people who identify as female and their take on what they believe a witch, slut, and feminist truly is, an archetype of feminine empowerment.

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