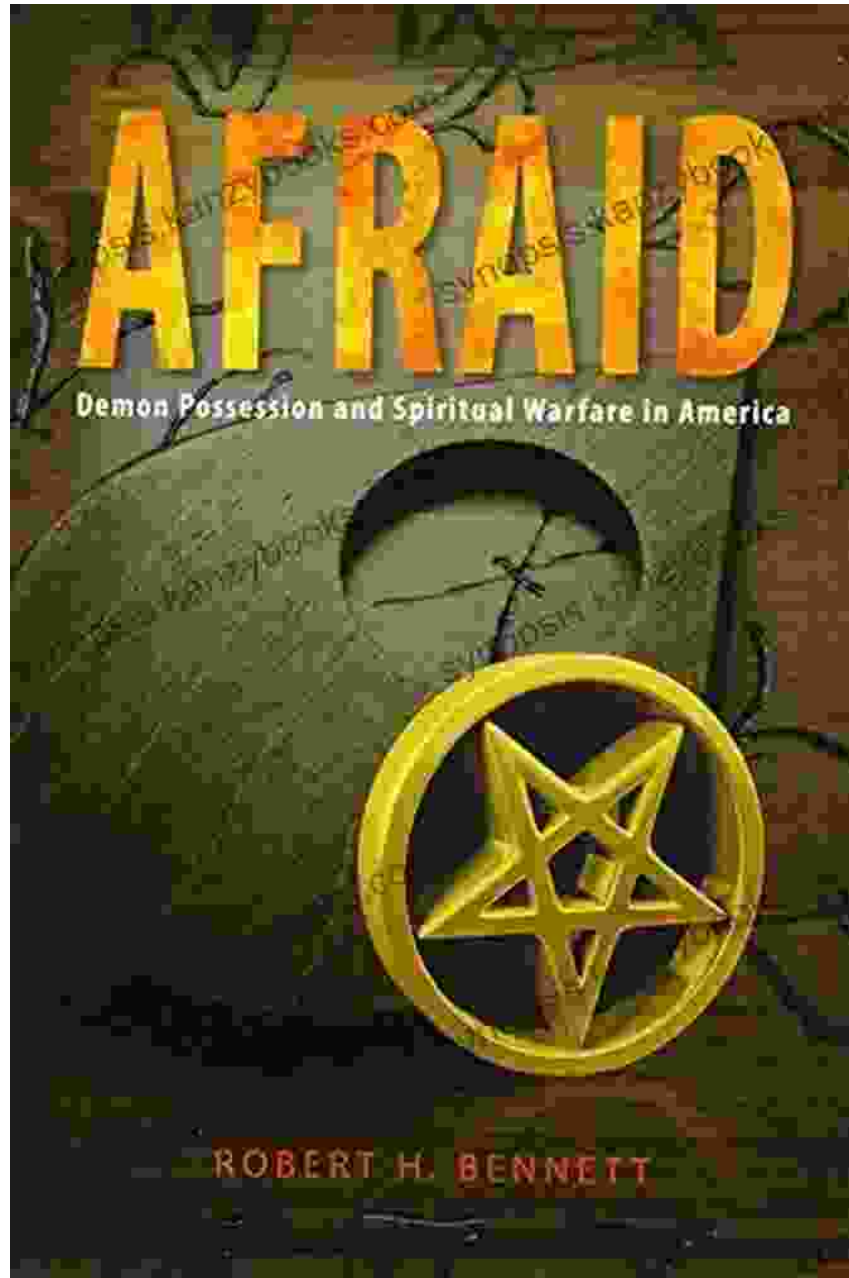
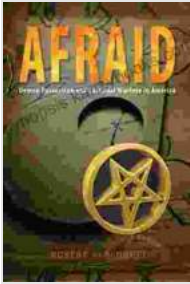


Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America



Are you afraid of demons? If so, you're not alone. Millions of Americans believe that demons are real, and that they can possess people. This belief

is often based on personal experiences, or on stories that have been passed down through generations.



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In her new book, "Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America," Sarah Sentilles explores the history of demon possession in America, and the ways in which it has been used to explain everything from mental illness to social unrest. Sentilles argues that the belief in demon possession is often used to control and manipulate people, and that it can have a devastating impact on their lives.

Sentilles begins her book by examining the Puritans, who believed that the world was a battleground between good and evil, and that demons were constantly trying to tempt people away from God. This belief led to a widespread fear of witchcraft, and to the Salem witch trials of the late 17th century.

In the 19th century, the belief in demon possession was used to explain a variety of social problems, including poverty, crime, and mental illness. This

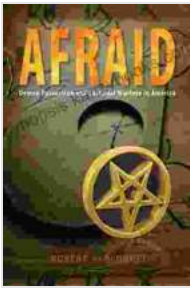
belief led to the establishment of asylums, where people who were believed to be possessed by demons were often subjected to harsh and inhumane treatment.

In the 20th century, the belief in demon possession continued to be used to explain a variety of problems, including drug addiction, sexual abuse, and even terrorism. This belief has led to the rise of exorcism, a practice that is often used to try to drive demons out of people.

Sentilles argues that the belief in demon possession is often used to control and manipulate people. She points out that people who are believed to be possessed by demons are often seen as weak or evil, and that they may be subject to discrimination and abuse. She also argues that the belief in demon possession can lead to a sense of powerlessness and despair, and that it can make it difficult for people to get the help that they need.

Sentilles concludes her book by calling for a more compassionate and understanding approach to the issue of demon possession. She argues that we need to stop using the belief in demon possession to control and manipulate people, and that we need to start treating people who are believed to be possessed with respect and compassion.

"Afraid: Demon Possession and Spiritual Warfare in America" is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that sheds new light on the history of demon possession in America. Sentilles's research is thorough and her writing is clear and engaging. This book is a must-read for anyone who is interested in the history of religion, the psychology of belief, or the social impact of mental illness.

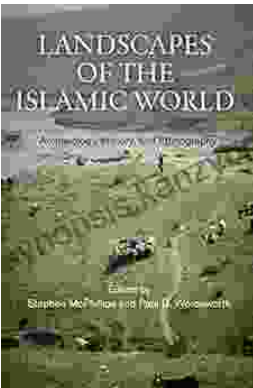


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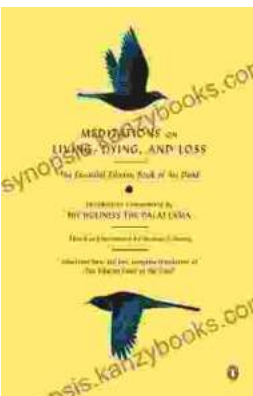
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