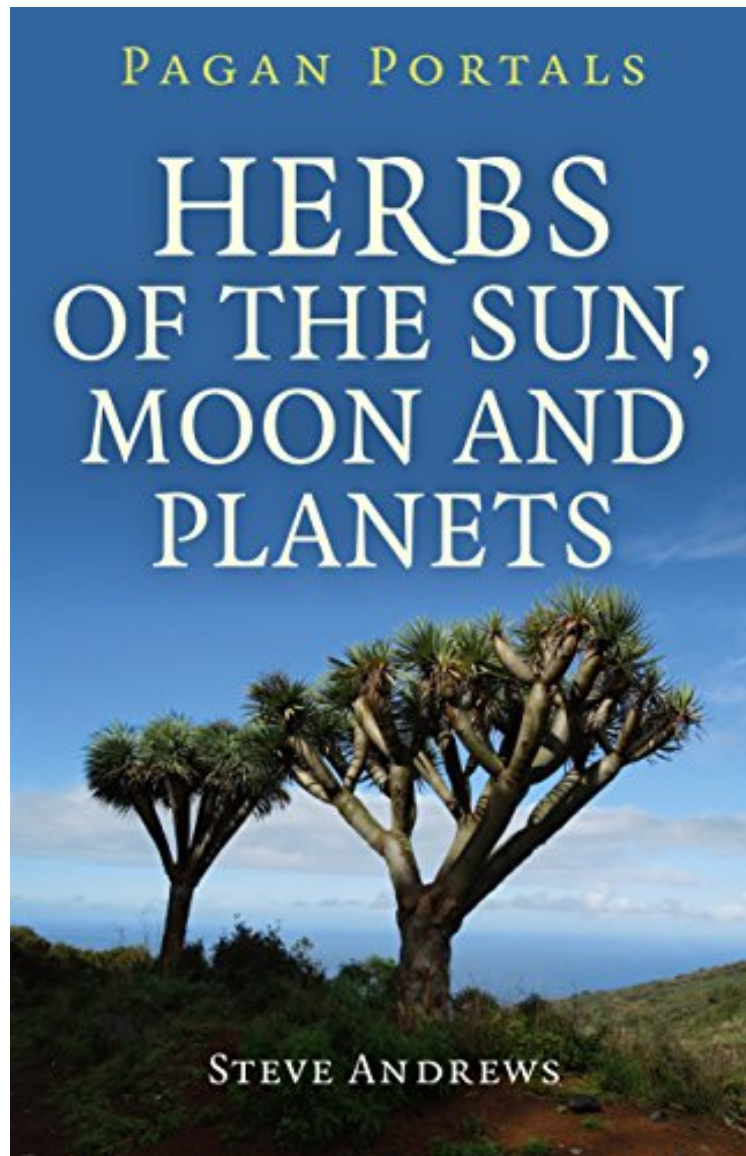


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Steve Andrews : Pagan Portals - Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pagan Portals - Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four StarsBy Michael ThubanA very solid and useful work for anyone at any stage of their practice.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. My local doctor doesnt see much of my family and as sweet as she isBy Arie FarnamI have been studying medicinal herbs for around fourteen

years and I'm a practicing Pagan, though not one focused on recipes for spells. My herb lore is primarily practical and focused on the health needs of my family and community. I grow those herbs that can be prepared as medicine and used for common illnesses and injuries. My local doctor doesn't see much of my family and as sweet as she is, we all like it that way. Still, I had to take a second look when I saw the Pagan Portals book *Herbs of the Sun, the Moon and the Planets* by Steve Andrews. I am skeptical of many newly concocted spells promoted by random witches, and yet I take basic astrology as demonstrable fact. Find me a person born between March 21 and April 21 who has little spark and fire in their personality or a person born between February 21 and March 21 who has no dreaminess about them, and I'll concede something to you. But an Aries is an Aries, while a Pisces is a Pisces. And little can be done to entirely change either. Sun signs and ascendants have a powerful effect on our lives. I am not precisely sure how the planets can have such a marked impact on our minds, emotions and temperaments. I suspect it has to do with gravity and the types of energy being studied by physicists today, but any observant person who has opened their mind to the possibility knows it is so. So, why shouldn't plants reflect astrology in some way as well? This was my impetus for picking up the book. There are several good things about this book: 1. The book combines medicinal and energetic properties of herbs nicely, glossing over neither. 2. The medicinal information appears to be correct and there are warnings where there need to be safety warnings. 3. There are some interesting historical tidbits. And yet the book falls short in some ways. It is primarily a list of herbs, categorized by their planetary correspondence. There is only vague and scanty information about what the planetary correspondence is likely to mean or how to use it to bolster the effectiveness of either herbal medicine or magical work. In general, this is a descent introductory herbal with a handful of the herbs most commonly used in witchcraft and Pagan ritual, but also including their medicinal properties. More information is likely to be needed for in-depth study but if the warnings are heeded this book will do some good.

Pagan Portals - Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets combines herbalism with astrology and explains how the ancient herbalists like Culpeper assigned specific herbs to planetary rulers. Various characteristics were used to decide what planet ruled particular herbs. Mars is the God of War and herbs that have this planet as their ruler display aggressive properties and appearance, such as thorns or red berries or sap. Dragon trees have red resin known as Dragon's Blood. The book is divided into sections for each group of herbs. So there are seven divisions for herbs of the Sun, Moon, Mars, Venus, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn, each containing seven herbs. *Herbs of the Sun, Moon and Planets* will be essential reading for herbalists and gardeners, and will also appeal to those with a general interest in the occult and astrology.

About the Author Steve Andrews is a man of many talents. He is a writer, a journalist, a singer-songwriter, a poet and a naturalist. He is also known as the Bard of Ely and Green Bard.