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Do you touch wood for luck, or avoid hotel rooms on floor thirteen? Would you cross the path of a black cat, or step under a ladder? Is breaking a mirror just an expensive waste of glass, or something rather more sinister? Despite the dominance of science in today's world, superstitious beliefs - both traditional and new - remain surprisingly popular. A recent survey of adults in the United States found that 33 percent believed that finding a penny was good luck, and 23 percent believed that the number seven was lucky. Where did these superstitions come from, and why do they persist today? This Very Short Introduction explores the nature and surprising history of superstition from antiquity to the present. For two millennia, superstition was a label derisively applied to foreign religions and unacceptable religious practices, and its primary purpose was used to separate groups and

assert religious and social authority. After the Enlightenment, the superstition label was still used to define groups, but the new dividing line was between reason and unreason. Today, despite our apparent sophistication and technological advances, superstitious belief and behaviour remain widespread, and highly educated people are not immune. Stuart Vyse takes an exciting look at the varieties of popular superstitious beliefs today and the psychological reasons behind their continued existence, as well as the likely future course of superstition in our increasingly connected world. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

*Superstition* iUniverse

This classic and thoroughly delightful reference explores the

origins of superstitions. You'll discover the origins behind charms, spells, fairy lore and legend, folk remedies and customs of birth, marriage, and death. This collection will be a staple in your library for years and generations to come. Edwin and Mona A. Radford were a British husband and wife writing team who published prolifically from the 1940s through 1970s. They were known for their murder-mystery series of novels about the fictional Inspector Manson.

*Superstitious* Leonardo Paolo Lovari

On the small Pennsylvania college campus Liam O'Connor cuts a dashing, romantic figure. The Irish-born professor of folklore has good looks, a sweet charm, and a host of Old World superstitions - all of which dazzle beautiful graduate student Sara Morgan. Plunging headlong into a sudden love affair, Sara barely has time to notice the dark drama unfolding on the campus. Four murders have been committed, each more gruesomely horrifying than the one before it, each committed by someone, or something, with terrible fury and strength. Suddenly Sara is receiving crank phone calls,

warning her to stay away from Liam ... fearing her ex-boyfriend Chip's next angry outburst ... wondering why Liam's unmarried sister, Margaret, is so suffocatingly close to them ... and trying to escape the lecherous stares of her boss, Milton Cohn, the dean of students and the owner of a murderous-looking knife collection. When Liam proposes marriage, Sara accepts, making love by the light of sixteen candles, one of Liam's superstitions. Somehow, that final step seals her fate. The police begin to close in on a killer, the death toll mounts, and Sara is caught in an ever-tightening web. At its center, behind the most innocent superstitions, waits the greatest terror of all...

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"In an account chock full of real-world examples reinforced by experimental research, Hood's marvelous book is an important contribution to the psychological literature that is revealing the actuality of our very irrational human nature." — Science In the vein of Malcolm Gladwell's *Blink*, Mary Roach's *Spook*, and Dan Ariely's *Predictably Irrational*, *The Science of*

Superstition uses hard science to explain pervasive irrational beliefs and behaviors: from the superstitious rituals of sports stars, to the depreciated value of houses where murders were committed, to the adoration of Elvis.

*Rock on* Forgotten Books

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*I'm Not Superstitious I'ts Bad Luck to Be Superstitious* Grand Central Publishing  
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*The Science of Superstition* Anthem Press

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### **Are You Superstitious?**

Andrea Malossini  
 A collection of seventeen original poems about superstitions, including walking under a ladder, breaking a mirror, and knocking on wood.  
*A Book Written by the Spirits of the So-called Dead* Harper Collins  
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Superstitions About Animals My sole object in writing this little book has been to do something towards arousing a more general interest in a subject which has at no time obtained the attention it deserves. Yet there is no subject which so fully repays the thoughtful student as that of Natural History. In bringing together some of the most common superstitions about animals, and dealing with them in a light and popular way, I trust my object will in some measure be attained. If by the publication of this unpretentious work only a little of the prevalent superstition is swept away, and further interest is created in the wonders of the animal kingdom, I shall be more than amply rewarded. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in

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If you have ever believed in the black cat that crossed your path then you are going to love this book! Growing up with a mother who was very superstitious, well to be honest was spooky and yeah sometimes funny. When I first began writing this book I set out to make a mockery using a funny spin of the superstitions that I grew up with but as the words covered the pages I realized that I was reliving some of the most treasured memories of my childhood with my mother. Writing this book has helped me remember some of the precious moments I shared with my wonderfully tiny and spunky mother. I dedicate this book to my mom Ruth Mabel Timberger- Albert-Staples who was the most unselfish, caring and superstitious person I ever knew. Although she was

taken from us way to soon. I love and miss you very much. I often wish that we had more time to enjoy an adult mother and daughter relationship. Angel hugs mommy! *Superstitions about Animals (Classic Reprint)* Very Superstitious Earth, Air, Fire and Water - the four primal elements - form the backdrop to a tale of three characters who have a similar apocalyptic dream. Set in the present day, the story chronicles how these three join together and embark on a project to save the world and discover the nature of their nightmare. Arnold, a retired lawyer, and Dee, an Anglo-Indian college graduate, are from England. Amos, a Native American, is a miner in West Virginia, originally from Northern Idaho. Their travels take them across America to West Virginia, Washington, DC, Delaware, Idaho, Seattle and Lima, Peru. This novel brings together the clash of forces between nature and society as the three struggle to make sense of the chaotic world of the Perfect Nightmare. [Book of Superstitious Stuff](#) Oxford University Press Many of the earliest books, particularly those dating back to the 1900s

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*Motivate Your Writing!* Hal Leonard Publishing Corporation

We are all superstitious, even those who affirm the opposite. Superstition is natural, it resides in all of us: it represents the human answer to rare, singular, and mysterious phenomena. All that cannot be explained or resolved in a logical manner disturbs the human spirit, promoting many to devise remedies that, while irrational, can restore hope and security. It is fear, therefore, that generates, feeds, and preserves superstition. Not surprisingly, religion with its dogmas, natural

phenomena with its mysteries, and life's cycle with its uncertainties, have always been a source of superstitious beliefs. Andrea Malossini's book - which collects over one thousand superstitious - reports, in an orderly manner, Italian superstitious beliefs along with a brief description of their origin and meaning. The intent is to give the reader an idea of Italian superstitions, in a smooth and easy way, hoping, thanks to the suggestion in the titles, to arouse curiosity. This small book is therefore not necessarily devoted to superstitious people, but to all of those who, perhaps out of habit, want to know why, when they see an upside down piece of bread on the table, they turn it over, or why, not being happy to have spilled some oil, they also throw a handful of salt over their shoulder. Author A firmly convinced rationalist and agnostic, Andrea Malossini is not superstitious and does not believe in the absurd and irrational rites suggested by superstitions. Luckily, he was born on a Thursday, of an even year, of a non-leap year, and apprentice on a Wednesday, therefore, undoubtedly, born under

the best omens. Maybe for this reason- and for his inexhaustible curiosity towards the things that appear to the many as strange, mysterious and incomprehensible- he has been studying, collecting and writing for many years on topics regarding superstition and witchcraft without the fear of being charmed by them. Among the very few superstitions that he grants himself- more to keep family-peace than anything else- there are the never upside-down bread on the table and never place the hat on the bed rules. On the subject of popular traditions he cooperated with several newspapers and periodicals. He was the author of the moon weekly almanac on the Sunday television program "Linea Verde" broadcasted on Rai Uno; today he is the author and voice of the weekly column "Lune e Cieli" broadcasted live on the Television station TeleSanterno- Odeon TV. He published over ten books for the publishing company Garzanti , A.Vallardi e Area51 Publishing, among which: "Manuale di stregoneria" (Witchcraft Manual), "Le ricette delle streghe" (Witches Recipes), "Breve

storia delle streghe" (Witches: a brief history), "Dizionario delle superstizioni italiane" (Dictionary of Italian superstitions), "Gli unti del Signore" (God's Anointed), "Dizionario dei Santi patroni"(Dictionary of Patron Saints). **Church missionary intelligencer** Plume Personal Souths, a collection of 20 interviews with famous southern writers, will mark the 50th anniversary of The Southern Quarterly, one of the oldest scholarly journals (founded in 1962) dedicated to southern studies. The figures interviewed range from Erskine Caldwell, Eudora Welty and Tennessee Williams (all from the 1970s), to a virtual Who's-Who of southern literature in the second half of the twentieth century. All of these interviews were originally published in the journal in the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s, and are collected here for the first time. The South is represented broadly, with writers from eight states; at least four represent the "mountain South" (Donald Harrington, Bobbie Ann Mason, Robert Morgan, Lee Smith), while another four typify a "cosmopolitan South" (Reynolds Price, Mary Lee

Settle, Elizabeth Spencer, Tennessee Williams). The greatest number of voices, at least eight of the authors, speak for or from the "poor white South" (Larry Brown, Erskine Caldwell, Harry Crews, Donald Harrington, Bobbie Ann Mason, Robert Morgan, Del Shores, Lee Smith). Though there is only one African American writer, Ernest J. Gaines, another interview (William Styron, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Confessions of Nat Turner) also focuses on a conversation about African American literature. The interviews are all fascinating. Not only do they reveal the personalities of these southern literary stars, they also represent a self-conscious community of writers. It is a testament to the quality of The Southern Quarterly that many of these writers, when discussing their most important contemporaries, often refer to other writers whose interviews are also in this collection. These first-hand discussions will continue to illuminate and inform our understanding of their creative work. **Researches Into Chinese Superstitions** Forgotten Books Energize and organize

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