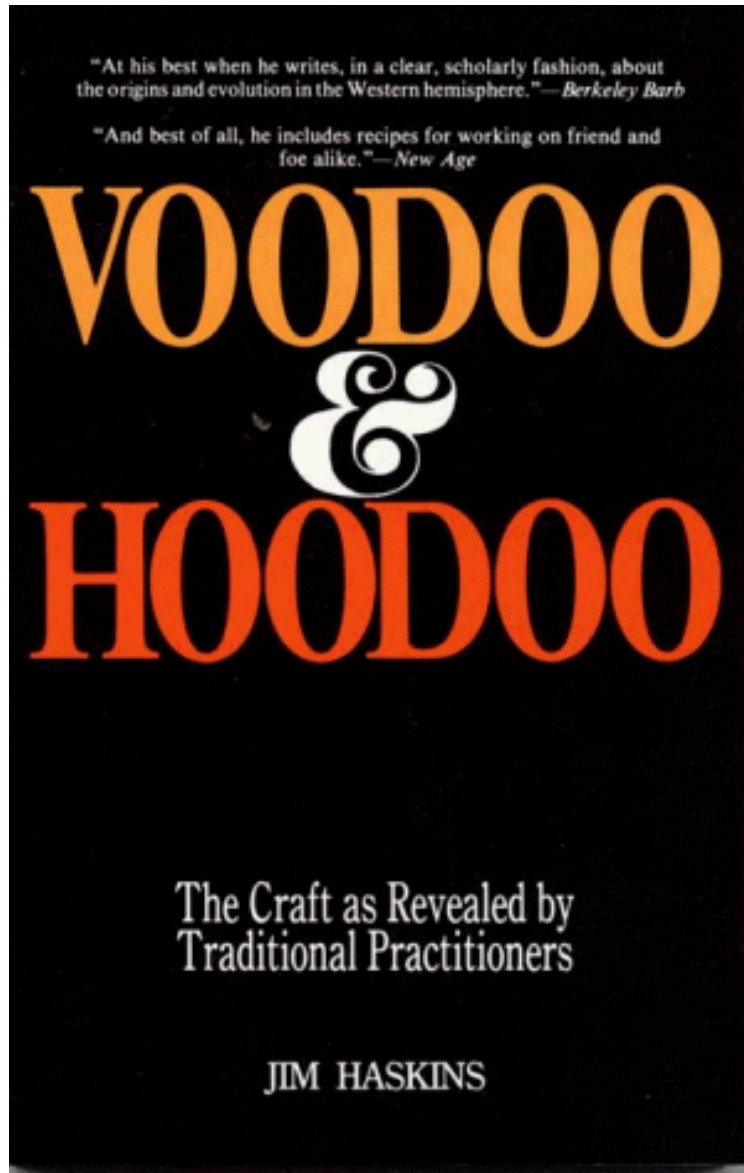


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Book is awesome. This is the first Jim Haskins book I've purchased. Will definitely keep as reference. Great addition to my library. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Half entertaining and engrossing; half recipes. By Haskins was initially looking for something like *Voodoo for Dummies*, but this book is a not really a reference primer. Half of it however is certainly an entertaining read in its own way. First, it's written by an African-American professor with actual cultural experience with voodoo. This means he doesn't write from a practitioner's point of view but he does write as someone who grew up with a subtext of voodoo culture all around him. Another big plus is that it was written in the late 70's which means he grew up in the mid-20th century and as a result he seems even more connected to growing up with voodoo more as a sort of fact-of-life before the culture became more secular. He recounts what it's like to literally grow up in an African-American culture that practices and believes in voodoo. The best parts read like a secular Catholic person recalling his experiences growing up around devout Catholicism: he may not have directly practiced the religion himself, but he can't help but be painfully aware of it as a child and the strange practices associated with it. It's revealing to hear how certain superstitions stay with him even though the science part of his brain tells him it's impossible. For instance, he won't give anyone his secret name, for fear of having a spell put on him even though he knows better. The other half of the book is devoted to actual recipes for voodoo, which is obviously much dryer material, but if you want to know what goes into putting a spell on someone to fall in love with you, this is the book. By the way, I knew nothing about voodoo so I have no idea how accurate these recipes are, but as he explains, recipes vary a great deal, depending on the region, which is certainly to be expected with something so unregulated and passed down from generation to generation. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great for price. By CustomerBook came as described. Great for price!

Voodoo and Hoodoo tells how these spiritual descendants of African medicine men and sorcerers lay tricks and work their magic and explains the hold these practices have had on their believers, from their Old World origins until today.