

Witchcraft in Europe and America

From the church to the torture chamber, this collection unlocks the world of witchcraft while tracing European civilization during the Renaissance and Enlightenment.

- Date Range: 1500–1930
- Content: 263,207 pages
- Source Library: Cornell University Library

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Witchcraft in Europe and America delivers a wide range of writings that affords scholars an invaluable opportunity to explore this intriguing historical phenomenon from a variety of perspectives.

In both their original manuscript and in print, the documents in this collection reveal the harsh outcome of the more remote doctrinal disputes. Perhaps the most significant of all manuscripts is the minutes of the witchcraft trial of Dietrich Flade, a 16th-century city judge and rector who spoke out against the cruelty and injustice of the persecutions in the 1580s.

Profiles in persecution

The pronouncements of advocates of witch persecution – Binsfeld, Boguet, Del Rio, Remi – can be compared and contrasted to the courageous warning of Bekker, Löher, Loos, Scot, Spee – men who doubted the validity of witch believers and witch trials.

To aid scholarly research, numerous dissertations and limited printed works examining theological, legal, social implications of witchcraft are reproduced in their entirety.

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This comprehensive archive includes texts dating from the 15th century to the early 20th century. The majority of the material concerns the so-called “classic period” of the 16th to 18th centuries.

In addition to witchcraft coverage, the collection includes:

- Anti-persecution writings
- Works by penologists
- Legal and church documents
- Exposés of persecutions
- Philosophical writings
- Transcripts of trials and exorcisms

Researchers will find rare manuscripts containing eyewitness accounts and court records of the trials of witches, including harrowing original depositions taken from victims in the torture chamber.

Content and context

Although the emphasis of the material is on the theological question of witchcraft as Christian heresy, the collection also follows the history of Europe through the Age of Enlightenment and traces the trends and events of the early years of Colonial America. A whole culture is uncovered, revealing the social, religious and intellectual conditions that fostered the witchcraft hysteria and allowed the deaths of a quarter of a million people.

The majority of texts are in Latin, English and German, although selected items are in French, Italian, Portuguese, Danish, Dutch and Spanish.

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