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Possessing Nature Paula Findlen 1994-09-16 In 1500 few Europeans regarded nature as a subject worthy of inquiry. Yet fifty years later the first museums of natural history had appeared in Italy, dedicated to the marvels of nature. Patricians, their curiosity fueled by new voyages of exploration and the humanist rediscovery of nature, created vast collections as a means of knowing the world and used this knowledge to their greater glory. Drawing on explorers' books, letters, travel journals, memoirs, and pleas for patronage, Paula Findlen reconstructs the lost social world of Renaissance and Baroque museums. She follows the new study of natural history as it moved out of the palace into sixteenth- and seventeenth-century scientific societies, religious orders, and princely courts. Findlen argues convincingly that natural history as a discipline blurred the border between the ancients and the moderns, between order to recover ancient wisdom and the development of new textual and experimental scholarship. Her vivid account reveals how the scientific revolution grew from the constant mediation between the old forms of knowledge and the new.

Possessing Albany, 1630-1700 Ithaca Merwick 2003-02-13 This book reconstructs the manifold ways by which Dutch people of seventeenth-century New York took hold of the New World. As the author reminds us, the Dutch understood themselves to be republican, urban, mobile, mercantile, and amphibious; in short, properly Dutch. She shows how the Dutch possessed the land, traded over it, surrendered it to the English, and then lived out their lives balancing the conquerors had for land against their own.

Sovereignty and Possession in the English New World Kevin O'Rourke Millan 2006-11-23 How did English notions of sovereignty, empire and law impact their methods of settlement in the Americas? **Having Nothing, Possessing Everything** Michael Mather 2018-10-18 Pastor Mike Mather arrived in Indianapolis thinking that he was going to serve the poor. But after his church's community lost nine young men to violence in a few months, Mather came to see that the poor didn't need his help—he needed theirs. This is the story of how one church found abundance in a community of material poverty. Viewing people—not programs, finances, or services—as a valuable resource moved church members beyond their own walls and out into the streets, where they discovered folks rich in strength, talents, determination, and love. Mather's *Having Nothing, Possessing Everything* will inspire you to seek justice in their own local communities and to find abundance and hope all around them.

Possessing the World Etienne Etmed 2007-07-15 Based on an impressive body of information and data, this volume recounts the history of five continents over a long stretch of time and in a comparative approach. From the European expansion the question was posed: what were the "empire tools" that gave Europe its military superiority, even before the industrial revolution? What was it that enabled Europeans to withstand life-threatening tropical diseases and control indigenous populations? This book gives a fresh and wide-ranging view of the construction and collapse of the modern colonial empires of Europe, the United States of America and Japan.

How about Demons? Felicitas D. Goodman 1988-05-22 "Quite an interesting book..." Religious Studies Review "It is by far superior to anything else on demons we have seen in the past few years." The American Rationalist "... Goodman is commended for a stimulating and wide-reaching treatment of a compelling and much-debated subject." Journal of Folklore Research Rich in detail derived from the author's fieldwork and the anthropological literature, this volume's picture of possession as one of the usually positive and most widespread of human religious experiences. It also details the ritual of exorcism, which is applied when things go wrong.

Ceremonies of Possession in Europe's Conquest of the New World Paul H. Rassinier 1995-10-27 A 1996 comparative history exploring the significance of ceremonies performed by the western imperial powers to mark their territorial possession of the New World.

POSSESSING THE PACIFIC Stuart Banner 2009-06-30 Property Possession as Ideology Patrick X. Monaghan 2013-05-02 In this essay, Monaghan argues for an account of property possession as strict, numerical identity. According to this account, for an entity to possess a property and that property to be numerically identical to each other. To defend this view, he argues against two views he call Externalism and Internalism about property possession. Monaghan argues that it is impossible for one entity to possess a property. He provides replies to a variety of objections one might raise against his account.

Evil Eye, Jinn Possession, and Mental Health Uwe Gellert Rasseol 2018-08-16 Evil Eye, Jinn Possession, and Mental Health Issues raises awareness of the cultural considerations, religion and spirituality involved in the assessment of Muslim patients with mental health problems. The belief that Jinn spirits can cause mental illness in humans through affliction or possession is widely accepted among Muslims, meaning this belief is a crucial, but frequently overlooked, aspect of mental health problems with Muslim patients in psychiatric care. This book explores the nature of such beliefs, their relationship to mental health and the reasons for their importance in clinical practice. The book argues that to consider mental disorders as a multifactorial affair, in which spiritual, social, psychological and physical factors may all play a role. It suggests differential diagnostic skills may have an important part to play in offering help to those whose problems are caused by possession, and provides accessible literature on clinical issues and practice, interventions, management and evidence-based practice to help health workers achieve a better understanding of Muslim patients with possession and how to work with patients that hold such beliefs. Evil Eye, Jinn Possession, and Mental Health Issues is an essential manual for mental health professionals, social workers and psychologists. It should also be of interest to academics and students in the healthcare sciences.

Possess the Land Jakeima Chatman 2017-03-22 Possess the Land: The Believer's Guide to Home Buying parallels the journey that the Children of Israel took with the journey of home buying. This step by step guide will teach you how to apply biblical principles to conquer the giants that have inhabited your promised land, increase your credit scores, decrease debt, and grow your savings account so that you can walk in the authority of God and receive the promises of God.

Possession Erin Thompson 2016-05-28 Whether it's the discovery of \$1.6 billion in Nazi-looted art or the news that Syrian rebels are looting UNESCO archaeological sites to buy arms, art crime commands headlines. Erin Thompson, an only professor of art crime, explores the dark history of looting, smuggling, and forgery that lies at the heart of many private art collections and many of the world's most renowned museums. Enlivened by fascinating personal anecdotes and scandalous events, Possession shows how collecting antiquities has been a way of creating identity, informed by a desire to annex the past while providing an illicit thrill along the way. Thompson's accounts of history's most notorious art collectors—from the Roman Emperor Tiberius, who stole a life-sized nude Greek statue for his bedroom, to Queen Christina of Sweden, who habitually pilfered small antiquities from her fellow aristocrats, to Sir William Hamilton, who mistreat to enact poses from his collection of Greek vases—are as mesmerizing as they are revealing.

Spirit Possession in Buddhist Southeast Asia Bénédicte Brac de la Perrière 2022 In dramatic contrast to the reported growing influence of doctrinal and fundamentalist forms of religion in some parts of Southeast Asia, the predominant Buddhist societies of the region are witnessing an upsurge of spirit possession cults and diverse forms of magical ritual. This is found in many social strata, including the urban poor, rising middle classes and elite groups, and political systems of Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. This volume reveals both the central historical place of spirit possession rituals in the Buddhist cultures of mainland Southeast Asia and their important contemporary role in enhancing prosperity and protection. This book examines the increasing prominence of spirit mediumship and divination across the region by exploring the interplay of neoliberal capitalism, visual media, the network cultures of the politics of cultural heritage and identity. It advances beyond critiques of the "secularization" and "disenchantment" theses to explore the processes of modernity that are actively producing magical worldviews and stimulating their resurgence. As such, it not only challenges the assumptions of modernization theory but demonstrates that the cults in question are novel ritual forms that emerge out of inherently modern conditions.

Ritual Imagination Hilde Nielsen 2011-09-30 Exploring the rich world of tromba spirit possession in eastern Madagascar, this book offers a fresh perspective on questions of how rituals work and how they affect and constitute the social reality of spirit possessors: hosts are what they mediate, and spirits become flesh and blood in the 'fusion' with human existence. . . . An excellent demonstration of the benefits of a new genre of ethnographic writing. It expands on the harsh world of Songhay mediums and sorcerers. —Bruce Kapferer, American Ethnologist "A vivid story that will appeal to a wide audience. . . . The voices of individual Songhay are evident and forceful throughout the text. . . . [Stoller] is concerned with the rich surface of things, with depicting images, evoking sensations, and enriching perceptions. . . . He has succeeded admirably." —Michael Lambek, American Anthropologist "Events (ceremonies, histories) are evoked in cinematic style. . . . [This book is] approachable and absorbing—it is well written, uncluttered by jargon and elegantly structured." —Richard Fardon, Times Higher Education Supplement "Compelling, insightful, and richly detailed, and worthy of becoming a classic in the scholarship on Africa." —Aidan Southall, African Studies Review

Spirit Possession and Communication in Religious and Cultural Contexts Blyth 2020-11-29 Spirit Possession and Communication in Religious and Cultural Contexts explores the phenomenon of spirit possession, focusing on the religious and cultural functions it serves as a means of communication. Drawing on the multidisciplinary expertise of philosophers, anthropologists, historians, linguists, and scholars of religion and the Bible, the volume investigates how that spirit possession narratives, events, and rituals are often interwoven around communicative acts, both between spiritual and earthly realms and between members of a community. This book offers fresh insight into the religious significance of spirit possession. It will be an important resource for scholars from a diverse range of disciplines, including religion, anthropology, history, linguistics, and philosophy.

Playing with Fire Billy Hallowell 2020-09-08 "Provocative, insightful, and enlightening—a foray into an often-neglected topic that merits more attention than it typically receives." —Lee Strobel, New York Times bestselling author for Christ What is Our Fascination with the Other Side? Join investigative reporter Billy Hallowell as he delves into the strange phenomena of supernatural activity. Themes of demonic possession, exorcism, and ghosts have long fascinated Hollywood, with countless films and TV shows delving into the age-old struggle against evil. But the question is why? Even with so much focus on the topic, there seems to be very little public knowledge and discussion about the life claims surrounding demons. Quite often, many people remain silent about their experiences or resort to quietly whispering about what they've seen, heard, or felt for fear of being labeled as crazy. The truth is, even pastors and theologians who have observed firsthand accounts of possession and deliverance can succumb to the strange and terrifying effects of intense spiritual warfare. For people of faith, Playing with Fire addresses these core questions: Are demons real? Do they do indeed exist, what are they? Fallen angels? Nephilim? Can demons inhabit human beings? According to the Bible, can people die and remain behind as "ghosts"? Playing with Fire explores the theological underpinnings of the supernatural. Relying on firsthand accounts, newspaper reports, and Christian experts, Hallowell takes readers through the various views and perspectives surrounding supernatural activity.

The Prized Possession Schabile 2013-03 The only thing greater than fear is hope. . . . "Frustrations with jobs and employers, mortgages and car repairs, college debt and marital conflict make us so overwhelmed we can't even think. . . . We thank to wonderful drug advertising, very few of us are not on some sort of toxic substance to either help rest our minds at night or cope with stress during the day. Ask yourself if this is not true. People are taking their lives, and you know it, which makes me wonder if we've missed out on some secret. When wounded souls feel they have no other option but to remove themselves from this earth before their time, we'd better start uncovering some hope, and so we can live. . . . The world is broken. We patch it up with all sorts of things, but underneath, where we really live, there is everything from anger, regret, lust, despair, and pain to fear, guilt, depression, greed, and unforgiveness. We are bombarded with lies, deception, and way too much self-absorption to even recognize truth anymore. Is there any way out of this mess? Yes! There is indeed. It is found in one person, who gave everything to rescue us. His name is Jesus. The Prize is Jesus. Help you discover who Jesus really is and why He is the only hope for hurting hearts. You will see why self-absorption and self-reliance are highly overrated, and how they keep us far from the freedom we need to see beyond our current situation. Within these pages are true, personal stories sure to inspire your heart and stretch your understanding of God and His unrivaled love for humanity. If you have questions about life, come along on an exciting journey toward redemption. There is a very generous God just waiting for you.

Spirit Possession around the World: Possession, Communion, and Demon Expulsion across Five Continents Philip Barrow 2015-05-26 This book provides a fascinating historical and cultural overview of traditional beliefs about spirit possession and exorcism around the world, from Europe to Asia and the Middle East to the Americas. • Provides an interdisciplinary perspective on the subject of spirit possession, reflecting the work of scholars and experts from many different fields of cultures, traditions, and phenomena with up-to-date, little-known information that is difficult to find through independent research • Includes primary documents that give students accounts of exorcism and spirit possession and serve to foster critical thinking skills and media literacy • Features sidebars that illuminate key points and present related information, with special attention paid to exorcism and spirit possession in popular culture

Wittgenstein, Concept Possession and Philosophy Philip Barrow 2006-11-28 This book is a Wittgensteinian study of concept possession and conceptual investigation in philosophy. It offers advanced introduction to Wittgenstein's philosophy and original treatment of its most crucial regions. Written as a Socratic dialogue, with a glance to Plato, it makes a bold claim about Wittgenstein's place in Western philosophy.

Demonic Possession and Lived Religion in Later Medieval Europe Sari Katajala-Peltomaa 2020-02-19 Demonic possession was a spiritual state that often had physical symptoms: however, in Demonic Possession and Lived Religion in Later Medieval Europe, Sari Katajala-Peltomaa argues that demonic possession was a social phenomenon which should be understood with regard to the community and culture. She focuses on significant case studies from canonization (1240-1450) which show how each set of sources formed its own specific context, in which demonic presence derived from different motivations, reasonings, and methods of categorization. The chosen perspective is that of both a thematic approach and a methodology: a focus on rituals, symbols, and gestures, as well as sensitivity to nuances and careful contextualizing of the cases are constitutive elements of the argumentation. The analysis focuses on the relationship between the 'learned' and the 'popular' within religion, as well as the existence of a strict polarity between individual and collective religious participation. Demonic presence disclosed negotiations over authority and agency; it was a personal affected the communal, and vice versa, and how they were eventually transformed into discourses and institutions of the Church; that is, definitions of the miraculous and the diabolical. Geographically, the volume covers the entire of Europe, comparing Northern and Southern material and customs. The structure follows the logic of the phenomenon, beginning with the background reasons offered as a cause of demonic possession, continuing with communal and individual experiences, and emotions, including construction of sacred caregiving methods. Finally, the ways in which demonic presence contributed to wider societal debates in the fields of politics and spirituality are discussed. Altery and immensity of various forms of corporeality and the interplay between the sacred and diabolical are themes that run all through the volume.

Men Possessing the Total Package Jerlette Mickie 2012-06-01 Words From The Author It is my heart's desire to see men performing their role as a role model for future young men to emulate. In this shaky economy that we live in, it is of quality. Throughout this book, I am targeting men that need to step up and give their all in everything God has designed them to be. Having raised three sons, I feel compelled to write about the growing epidemic that is facing our population. If men are not pursuing, there will always be a page in their life that will render incompleteness until he summons God for direction. I am inclined to believe that the family is out of sync without him and a better future is not possible. Whether you are men in the corporate world, Christian arena, work place, or even incarcerated, this book is prepared just for you and will provide the right tools you need, to possess the Total Package. This book displays the characteristics that each man should attain to fulfill their assignment and purpose in life. Dr. Jerlette Mickie Author

Marvelous Possessions Stephen Greenblatt 1992 This study examines the ways in which Europeans of the late Middle Ages and the early modern period represented non-European peoples and took possession of their lands, in part through the acquisition of their artifacts.

The Possessed and the Dispossessed A. Sharp 1996-12 This finely drawn portrait of a complex, polycultural urban community in Madagascar emphasizes the role of spirit medium healers, a group heretofore seen as having little to do with the state. These women, Leslie Sharp argues, are far from powerless among the peasants and migrant laborers who work the land in this plantation economy. In fact, Sharp's wide-ranging analysis shows that tromba, or spirit possession, is a central element in understanding the complex identities of insiders and outsiders in this community, which draws people from all over the island and abroad. Sharp's study also reveals the contradictions between indigenous healing and Western

healing and psychiatry. Particular attention to the significance of migrant women's and children's experiences in a context of seeking relief from personal and social ills gives Sharp's investigation importance for gender studies in medical anthropology, Africa and Madagascar, the politics of culture, and religion and ritual.

Gangstalking and Psychic Possession: Servants of the Master Builders [Litali McStarr](#) 2021-01-28 If Gangstalking destroys the lives of millions why is it allowed to exist? As a tool of the elite, using other worldly entities, mind control and technology, it protects the illusion controlled by the Master Builders and allows the Serpent in everybody's subconscious to control them by concepts and impressions, a necessary device linked to corporate profits as well as of the illusion. The original instigators of civilization still oversee and control the evolution of illusion down here on earth. This book answers the many questions, both spiritual and practical, as to the irrational activity of Gangstalking the concealed reality which co-exists, underlies, monitors and controls this one. A reality of psychic possession, shape-shifting, daimons. Energies devoted to impeding the emergence of mankind's true Glory for the sake of maintaining the illusion. You may not like everything that you read in this book but you after you have read it you will be in no doubt that it is time to awaken to long hidden truths about how the world works and not who but WHAT controls it. *Contains inside and on back cover, photographs of shape-shifting/demonic materialization's linked to gangstalking and gangstalkers themselves. Chapters include:- 1) Who is behind this? 2) The possessed seeking to possess 3) Freemasonry is the church of the Serpent 3) Recognizing the energy that isn't you: re-claiming the lost vision! 4) Understanding the evolution of psychic possession 5) Incarnation of the soul and the soulless 6) The Serpent in the beatific state without the Serpent 8) Why the Master Builders suppress the beatific state for the propagation of illusion 9) The usurpation of individuality and empowerment leaves us slaves to the Master Builders illusion 10) The Serpent and the order of the Knights of Malta 11) The Serpents control depends upon lack of love, putting out the human nodes of light 12) Mind control the suckers 13) Brutalizing the awakened, the Serpents only threat 14) Why the Serpents are the jewels of the solar plexus chakra and Chi 15) Why the electronic mind control of society is necessary 16) Generated fracas, keeping communities mediocre by artificial intelligence, gangstalking and technological thugs 17) Technology over: by their fruits ye shall know them 18) Unlimited personal power is counteracted 19) Energetic beings made real and formed from your body 20) Technology for the supplantation: hybrid cyborg slaves 21) Targeted individualism 22) Taking our power back from the Master Builders: the dawning of a new kingdom 23) Fallen Angels

Spirited Things [Paul Christopher Johnson](#) 2014-05-07 The word "possession" is anything but transparent, especially as it developed in the context of the African Americas. There it referred variously to spirits, material goods, a person, or a state of mind. It served as a watershed term marking both transactions in which people were made into things—via slavery—and ritual events by which the thingification of people was revised. In *Spirited Things*, Paul Christopher Johnson gathers together leading anthropologists in the Americas that reopen the concept of possession on these two fronts in order to examine the relationship between African religions in the Atlantic and the economies that have historically shaped them—the cultures that practice them. Exploring the way spirit possessions were framed both by material things—including plantations, the Catholic church, the sea, and the phonograph—as well as by the legacy of slavery, Johnson offers a new way of understanding the Atlantic world.

The Self Possessed [Frederick M. Smith](#) 2006-12-05 *The Self Possessed* is a multifaceted, diachronic study reconsidering the very nature of religion in South Asia, the culmination of years of intensive research. Frederick M. Smith's study of positive oracular or ecstatic possession is the most common form of spiritual expression in India, and that it has been linguistically distinguished from negative, disease-producing possession for thousands of years. In South Asia, it has always been broader and more diverse than in the West, where it has been almost entirely characterized as "demonic." At best, spirit possession has been regarded as a medically treatable psychological ailment and at worst, as a form of mental illness requiring exorcism or punishment. In South (and East) Asia, ecstatic or oracular possession has been widely practiced throughout history, occupying a position of respect in early and recent Hinduism and in certain forms of Buddhism. He analyzes Indic literature from all ages—the earliest Vedic texts: the Mahabharata; Buddhist, Jain, Yogic, Ayurvedic, and Tantric texts; Hindu devotional literature: Sanskrit drama and narrative literature; and more than a hundred years of modern Indian literature. He identifies several forms of possession, including festival, initiatory, oracular, and devotional, and demonstrates their multivocality within a wide range of sects and religious identities. Possession is common among both the elite and the masses, practiced by members of all social and caste strata. Smith theorizes on notions of embodiment, disembodiment, selfhood, personal identity, and other key issues through the prism of possession, redefining the relationship between the vernacular culture and between elite and popular religion. Smith's study is also comparative, introducing considerable material from Tibet, classical China, modern America, and elsewhere. Brilliant and persuasive, *The Self Possessed* offers a careful new translation of rare material and is the most comprehensive study in any language on this subject.

Possession of the Dead [Joe Fuchs](#) 2010-10 Angels. Demons. Giant Zombies. Things have changed. Ever since returning through the Storm of Skulls to the present day, Joe, Billie and August have discovered the world they now live in is not the world they left behind. The zombie threat has evolved to gargantuan proportions. Now aided by giant undead-massive monsters with phenomenal strength and power, with deadly appetites just as vast—the zombie population has grown to include any and all life. Separated from his friends, Joe learns that not all hope is lost for humanity when he meets, Tracy, a woman who exudes a strength to rival his own. Tracy brings him to the Hub, an underground sanctuary where people who are dead world, but his thoughts linger on his missing friends. August and Billie have problems of their own, and soon learn the same plight that affected a past friend of theirs now affects many: zombies with shapeshifting capabilities. August is suspect. Yet even with this newfound knowledge, more is heaped upon them when the agenda of the undead is revealed and humanity is the one caught in the crossfire. A war is raging, one between angels and demons, and it's only escalating.

Evil, Spirits, and Possession [David L Bradnick](#) 2017-08-28 In *Evil, Spirits, and Possession: An Emergentist Theology of the Demonic* David Bradnick suggests that the demonic arises from evolutionary processes and manifests as a form of emergent forces that influence humans to initiate and execute nefarious activities.

Spirit Possession and Trauma [Cristina E. Schmidt](#) 2010-03-24 Spirit possession is a phenomenon that often elicits a response of fear, particular in those who are ignorant of its meaning and role within its particular religious and cultural traditions. Possession by divine beings (such as spirits or gods) is, however, a key practice in religions worldwide. It is therefore important to gain an understanding of this practice in its cultural context before trying to develop a theory about it. This fascinating book contains several case studies that present new interpretations of spirit possession worldwide. The authors show the diversity of possible interpretations and methodological approaches that provide a deeper understanding of possession and trance.

Possessed [Hans Holzer](#) 2020-10-04 Have you ever known anyone who was possessed? Possessed by a spirit from beyond the grave? Hans Holzer, world-famous psychic investigator, knows many people who have been possessed. He has been taken over and controlled by disembodied spirits of the dead. And he has written this book about them. POSSESSED is Mr. Holzer's detailed and fascinating account of the mysterious world of possession—what it is, how it happens, how it can be stopped. Here are all the facts and all the answers with actual case histories of reported possessions. Possessions that happened to people in our own time—to people you may even know! If you doubt that possessions are curious, read this book. POSSESSED!

What the Possession of the Living Faith Is, and the Fruits Thereof, and Wherein it Hath Been Found to Differ from the Dead Faith of the World, in the Learning and Following of Christ [John Bunyan](#) 1659
Field Guide to the Spirit World [Susan B. Martinez](#) 2019-03-26 A comprehensive examination of the many ways the spirit world affects the material plane and our minds • Provides a detailed guide to the Afterlife and its inhabitants • Explains the spirit influence behind many mental disorders as well as psi abilities and creative genius • Includes checklists of symptoms of spirit "overshadowing," methods from the world's top exorcists, and instructions on how to free oneself from the material plane • We are spirits housed in a body, and just as houses can be haunted, so can people. When the living succumb to dissociative states of consciousness, they become a magnet for lost but clinging spirits. Known as poltergeists, wuqabi, or simply the undead, they hover unseen on the earth plane, ready to inhabit the most suitable body available. Documenting the life of wandering spirits and their impact on vulnerable human targets, Susan B. Martinez's radical departure from the standard psychological explanations for a host of pathological behaviors—including multiple personality, autism, epilepsy, migraines, obsessive compulsive disorder, depression, schizophrenia, anxiety, and depression, destructive urges, and strange outbursts—and reveals that hallucinations are often true impressions of spirit input. Martinez explains how mental health comes down to the delicate balance between self-control and spirit-control. She provides triggers an escape response, the soul takes flight, leaving the mind susceptible to possession by discarnate entities. However, the spirit world can also bestow gifts upon those whose psyches are open, such as in the case of people who communicate with angels, and many of the world's creative geniuses. Martinez presents "overshadowing" by spirits as a universal, cross-cultural phenomenon, documenting modern and traditional accounts as well as indigenous beliefs. She examines soul decay, soul travel both before and after death, as well as how knowledge of the spirit world can offer positive treatments for disorders like schizophrenia and autism. Providing a detailed and practical guide to the world and its inhabitants, the author offers checklists of symptoms of "overshadowing," methods from the world's top exorcists, and instructions on how to free spirits so they can continue their journey into the beyond—all without the forebear us against soul snatchers and other enemies of the Light.

Possessing Spirits and Healing [Sigmund Freud](#) 2014-09-11 Spirit possession involves the displacement of a human's conscious self by a powerful other who temporarily occupies the human's body. Here, Seligman shows that spirit possession represents a site for understanding fundamental aspects of human experience, especially those involved with interactions among meaning, embodiment, and subjectivity.

Arts of Possession [Vance Smith](#) 2003-01-01 An innovative work of both economic anthropology and literary history, *Arts of Possession* draws on philosophical, theoretical, literary, historical, and archival sources and insights to explore the household at the center of the social and cultural imagination of fourteenth-century England. D. Vance Smith argues that in a period commonly represented as precapitalist there actually existed a sophisticated economic discourse that underlies common forms of representation and the writing of literary texts. His work provides a new historiography of capital and of the development of the relation between economic sophistication and cultural production. He examines well-known and less-appreciated works -- such as *Winner and Waster*, *Sir Launfal*, *The Canterbury Tales*, and *Piers Plowman* -- for what they can tell us about the surpluses and economies that drew the medieval imagination. He explores the complex ethics of possession at the heart of the fourteenth-century household. In bringing this to light, Smith's book itself becomes an eloquent meditation on the poetics and ethics of possession.

Melusine the Serpent Goddess in A. S. Byatt's Possession and in Mythology [Alban](#) 2003 *Melusine the Serpent Goddess in Myth and Literature* examines how women were once worshipped as the life force, but later suppressed. It explores the introduction of monotheism and a changing attitude regarding the sexes. It connects the literary conception of the Melusine story to myths and legends of the snake or dragon goddess, from ancient to contemporary times.

New Catholic World [A. S. Byatt](#) 2012-04-18 Hailed by *The New York Times Book Review* as "a gifted observer, able to discern the exact details that bring whole worlds into being" and "a storyteller who could keep a sultan on the edge of his seat for a thousand and one nights," A. S. Byatt writes some of the most engaging and skillful novels of our time. *Time* magazine calls her "a novelist of dazzling inventiveness." *Possession*, for which Byatt won England's prestigious Booker Prize, is praised by critics on both sides of the Atlantic when it was first published in 1990. "On academic rivalry and obsession, Byatt is delicious. On the nature of possession—the lover by the beloved, the biographer by his subject—she is brilliant." *The Sunday Times* (London). *The New Yorker* dubbed it "more fun to read than *The Name of the Rose* . . . its prurient verve [and] monstrous richness of detail [make for] a one-woman variety show of literary styles and types." *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times* have both praised it as a pair of young academics—Roland Michell and Maud Bailey—as they uncover a clandestine love affair between two long-dead Victorian poets. Interwoven in a mesmerizing pastiche are love letters and fairytales, extracts from scholarly accounts, creating a sensuous and utterly delightful novel of ideas and passions. With an Introduction by the author that describes the novel's origins and its twenty-year gestation, this Modern Library edition is a treasure for fans of *Possession*—new and old alike.

Demon Possession & the Christian [Fredrick Dickson](#) 1989 Shows from theology, the Bible and counseling experiences that Christians can be affected by demonic activity. Equips believers to fight spiritual battles--and win. *The Little Flock Possessing the Kingdom, Or, True Religion Controlling the World* [McLeod](#) 1854