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HALLOWEEN

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A COLLECTION OF ADVENTURES



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BIBLIOGRAPHY

Children: (under parental supervision)

- Clara, a Witch's Love, Vol. 1, fantasy tale
- Clara and the Stone Circle, Vol. 2, fantasy tale
- The Feudal Trio, Les LMJ1, fantasy tale
- Carré Gagnant, Les LMJ2, fantasy tale
- The Elemental Peoples, collection of tales

Teenagers: (under parental supervision)

- Dualities, romance novel
- The Watchtower, fantasy novel
- The Elemental Peoples, collection of tales

Adults:

- Dualities, romance novel
- Epidamos, fantasy novel
- Feudalities, Vol. 1, heroic fantasy novel
- Liberties, Vol. 2, heroic fantasy novel
- The Watchtower, fantasy novel
- Fears in troubled waters, detective novel

Free

Children

- Everyday ABCs
- Tales of Yesteryear 1, collection of 3 stories
- Tales of Yesteryear 2, collection of 2 stories
- Advent Farandole, calendar
- Little Stories, collection of stories
- Cocotte's Great Adventures
- The Unwanted

Teenagers

- Tales of Yesteryear 1, collection of 3 stories
- Tales of Yesteryear 2, collection of 2 stories
- Lost Stories, collection of 5 short stories

Adults

- Lost Stories, collection of 5 short stories
- The Unexpected Dinner
- The Elevator
- Predictions
- Chemical Atmosphere

DEDICATION

As a storyteller, I've always been fascinated by short stories and great tales like those of Charles Perrault, the Brothers Grimm, Hans Christian Andersen... and many other legends...

Book Summary

The spirit of yesteryear is marked, between naiveté and history, by the educational values of yesteryear: respect, morality, and the joy of a legendary heritage. At Halloween, there are still ghosts wandering, witches dancing before a wood fire, druids summoning the souls of our dearly departed: death is a rebirth, certainly not an end! Joy is part of our past, present, and future lives!

The Author

Aylcée Tarha wrote this book in four distinct parts: for children, with short stories and two novellas, and for teenagers, with four other unpublished stories. She draws on her childlike imagination, appreciating mystery, action, and the magic of Good. Original, she breaks down all ideological barriers to fairy tales, with stories told by the fireside, nostalgic for times gone by.

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SUMMARY

- Halloween
- Short Stories: 10 Short Tales
- Short Stories: 2 Medium Tales
- Hadrian, Little Wizard
- The Halloween Surprise
- Halloween Tale
- A Little Man's Dream
- Short Novel
- The Ghost Children
- Storytelling
- Once Upon a Pond
- Brocéliande



HALLOWEEN

What is it and why does it exist, if not to conquer our terrible fear of death and laugh at it once a year? It is all part of an ancient Gallic tradition that feared the sky would fall on their heads. Conquer or die, do you remember those oaths lost in the mists of time, steeped in epic legends and tales of adventure, with a chivalrous and proud spirit?

Deeply embedded in the cosy world of our hyper-protected homes? Mental optical illusions or simply... the reality of other worlds... parallel... to be discovered within ourselves... beautiful machines that we are... and our vital forces, our vital energies, our desire for freedom... simply a mirage, really? Why should we be afraid of our own fears?

A positive phrase to help the future: don't let anything disturb you, don't be frightened by anything or anyone, because everything passes, even anxiety, except the Universe that surrounds us! Or believe that ignorance due to local mentalities and human stupidity driven by fear are the worst scourges for a truly intelligent and liberated open-mindedness! Witches were healers and midwives.

We all know that this festival is Celtic: Gaelic tribes from Ireland, Iceland, Wales, Scotland, England, Gallic and Galician clans, as well as Viking peoples and American traditions revisited by pagans. It is based on nature and the four elements (fire, water, air, earth), linked to two predetermined zones: the light (spring-summer) and the dark (autumn-winter).

In general, two deities are invoked: the Mother Earth Goddess and the God Thor, known as the Horned God, around a wheel of the year taken up by Wicca followers, during songs and dances around and above a large campfire. Celtic rituals were forgotten at the beginning of Christianity because priests said they were unholy invocations, denounced as heretical and full of witchcraft.

A minority traded in love potions using red magic, offered

spells to protect themselves from others, and gave advice against the evil spells encountered in everyday life using green magic. Then there was the emergence of black magic, bringing illness or ruin through poisons concocted by magicians and apothecaries. It is important to note that plants can be used to heal or to kill, depending on how they are used.

There is always a festive banquet with colourful dishes and drinks ranging from orange to yellow, green to brown, black to purple, and all shades of red. Ritual colours go hand in hand to celebrate faith with dignity. In modern times, the meanings may vary. Some will compose poems and prayers about Diana the huntress, the beautiful Aphrodite, or Cernunnos, the paternalistic Celtic-Gallic god.

The dishes are traditionally made from pumpkin, which is used as decoration in the form of table lanterns with candles inside or soup tureens. Recipes include pies and tarts, soups and cream soups, accompanied by grilled meat or fish, sausages and kebabs. Before the festivities begin, children collect sweets, candies and cakes.

Halloween is a day for getting together and preparing for the evening and night until the first dawn, which is prolonged by the aurora. It is the first day of the Celtic year, celebrated to the sounds of bagpipes, flutes, drums, violas, violins, zithers and guitars. Beer, ale, mead and mulled wine are enjoyed by adults, while children drink Coca-Cola, fruit and vegetable juices and syrups.



HALLOWEEN ADVENTURES

The Girl and her Gift!

Cathy was celebrating her 9th birthday! She was the queen of this party!

A big gathering where all her friends were invited!

Everything was going wonderfully well: there were as many girls as boys, cakes, fruit juices, sweets!

Until that moment...

A drum roll was heard! It was time to open the presents! The most exciting moment of all!

She was looking at a strange present, accompanied by a card!

'To Cathy, from a... ghost!'

Suddenly, she felt a chill run down her spine! Fear gripped her!

'Was it really such a bad omen? What a sad message!'

-Come on, open it! Don't keep us waiting like this!

-Maybe it's from a... former lovesick admirer, who knows!?

-Yes, that's right, right, true, just a moment, yes, oh my, I'm opening it!

-Oh, what an abominable horror! Ugh, it stinks!

-What a fright, that thing! Is it alive or is it a toy?

-Damn it! I don't like this present at all, no way!

-My God, little Cathy, what a strange gift this is!

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