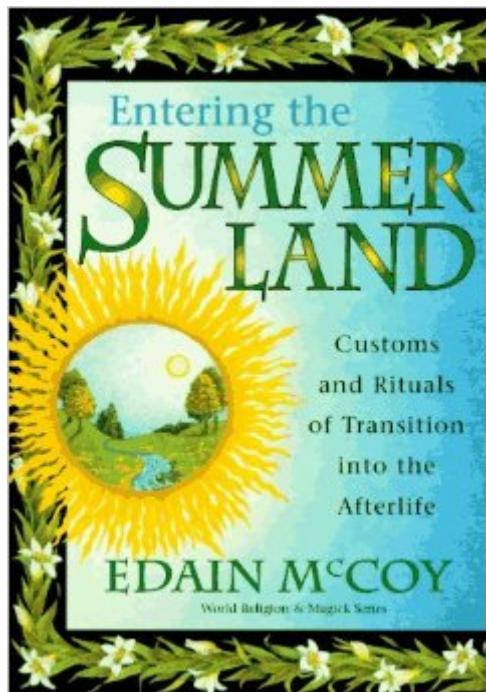


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# Entering The Summerland: Customs And Rituals Of Transition Into The Afterlife (World Religion & Magick Series)



## **Synopsis**

All of us at some time will suffer bereavement. For Pagans, isolated from a community which shares their spiritual viewpoint of death and the afterlife, the attempts to express their grief through cathartic rituals is even more difficult. This work provides rituals for healing and passing, and practical ideas about dealing with grief, funeral planning and bereavement support. It also attempts to legitimize grief that is not yet acceptable to the larger society in which we live, such as mourning the loss of a pet or familiar.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book mixed with the help of The Pagan Book of Living and Dying is a helpful mix indeed ! What I especially liked about this book is the section The Pagan Book of Living and Dying missed on Pagan death issues: the death of a pet. This book helped me in regard to the death of my best friend, Smokey. It (and The Pagan Book of Living and Dying) helped me create a funeral ritual/rite to help Smokey's soul to go to The SummerLand. The Summerland is everywhere: within us and around us. When a soul goes to the summerland the soul becomes one with all life. This is so it can rest and be reborn again.

Every step on the Wiccan path is one to be celebrated, and that includes passing into the realm of our ancestors. In my own practice, I have taken many of Ms. McCoy's ideas and developed

"passing over" rites to include at family funerals that no one in attendance realizes are Wiccan. I often find the priest or pastor standing at the head of the gravesite nodding his head in approval of what's been said or done.

I am a Wiccan and recently had to part with my best friend, Bandit, an Australian Cattle dog of 16 years. I searched for a book on Summerland and I am so elated that I found this book. Edain McCoy is a beautiful writer. Her prose is poetic and gentle. The rituals are simple and heart touching. I bought this book especially for the section on "Honoring the Animal Spirits." I was so pleased to read this book. I have comfort now and I am going to perform a ritual for my beloved Bandit. Thank you Edain McCoy and Blessed Be.

This is a good reference book. It is a little confusing at first, but push through and it all comes together.

This book provides wonderful suggestions for entering the Summerland. I have found them to work very well and would highly recommend them to anyone that guides groups into such activities. When my mother passed and I had the task of creating and performing her Memorial Service for a multi denominational group. This book as well as the Pagan Book of Living and Dying were great resources in what turned out to be a wonderful ceremony. Thank You Edain McCoy! Jillian

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