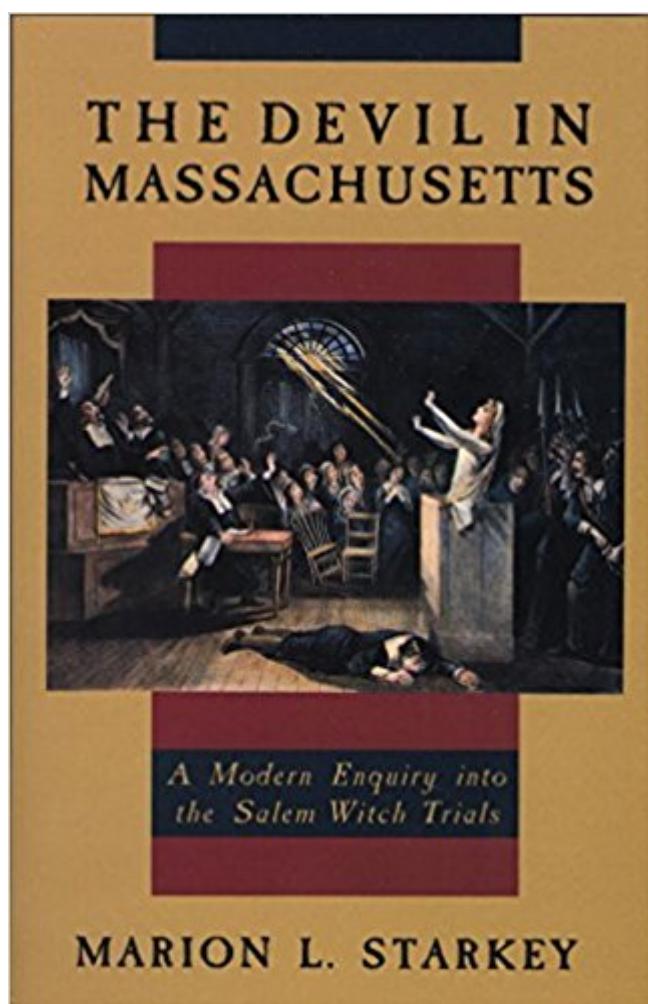


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# The Devil In Massachusetts: A Modern Enquiry Into The Salem Witch Trials



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I thoroughly enjoyed this wonderful account of the Salem Witch hunts that took place in Massachusetts, written by Marion Lena Starkey. She gave the historical facts and some very interesting opinions on the times and events. I was amazed at how she explained these horrible times in ways that you could identify with and still not lose sight of how superstition and fear can turn

ordinary people into a mob of killers with no regard for human suffering. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in understanding how such horrible acts took place in American history. Have we learned anything from these events... I think not as much as we should have because even though we are no longer hanging and burning our neighbors, we are still judging and condemning without facts... if you are different, you still can be judged guilty of that difference. There is an education in the pages of this book, don't miss it...

This book is very detailed. The author managed to keep the people involved separate for me. It was not hard to follow the detailed information.

This is an amazing book that goes in depth into the motivations and beliefs of the many characters. It gives a great deal of details about the laws and courts of the time and how they operated. It shows us the reasons why the young girls and teenagers acted the way they did and gives details about the aftermath and compensations made to the families of people falsely accused. It is very easy to read, not a dull moment in the entire book.

While the book had the potential to be very interesting, the wording and style only dragged on creating a book not only difficult to read, but impossible to get into.

Still the best scholarly account of The Salem Witch trials with plausible explanations, individual biographies, and historical backgrounds.

Very insightful.

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Great book--very interesting. Anyone who is interested in the Salem Witch Trials would be interested in this.

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