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In Sacred Ceremony: How to Create Ceremonies for Healing, Transitions, and Celebrations, Steven Farmer offers ideas on how to create your own ceremonies to consecrate the critical events and passages that you experience on your life's journey.

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Laura says

This book was a mix bag of ceremonies from different cultures without an in depth look at any of them or the history behind them. It gives components of how to make a ceremony but it isn't actually a guide for that. One can take ideas from here about what to do but it just was similar stuff repeated over and over.

Lisa says

very good ex library

Athena Macmillan says

This book is a comprehensive look at how spiritual ceremony as opposed to ritual can be utilised to mark certain events in our lives and understand ourselves when we face life changes.

In all the writing is pretty dry and matter of fact, but Farmer really shines when he talks about personal anecdotes that have clearly had a lot of impact on him. These parts are genuine and heartfelt.

He cops out a little by saying that as a man he shouldn't write too much about women's ceremonies for life events such as menstruation, pregnancy and menopause; however he could have easily asked a woman to help him write this section or asked women their personal experiences and presented it that way. There is also an air of cultural superiority towards those who might not practice the same way he understands the world as lacking full comprehension somehow.

A good book if you don't know where to start incorporating ceremony in your life. Worth it for the personal anecdotes.

S. Div. says

This book is useful in gaining an understanding of the difference between ritual and ceremony, the basic components of each, and how to adapt them to specific needs for self, other, or community. If you're very adept with ritual you won't learn a lot from this text. It seems to be predominantly crafted for someone just beginning to work with creating sacred ceremonies. It's a pleasant and uplifting read, regardless.

Tamira Thayne says

I read and used this book in my interfaith minister classes and ceremonies. I discovered throughout the

process that I'm not really the minister type, but it's nice to have around anyway. I love ceremonies in theory, in practice I didn't feel comfortable leading them. What I liked about this book is that the author is very comfortable and very thoughtful in his use and direction of ceremony. He provides ceremonies for all the normal things like weddings and baptisms, but also unusual things such as home clearings, late adult transitions, etc. They can be practiced by anyone from the layperson to the minister, and if you're interested in such things, you'll want this on your shelf.

Lia says

Haven't read this one cover-to-cover. I use it more as a reference book. It has some good ideas, but isn't very easy to use as a reference book.

Maria Andreu says

A beautiful book which you not only want to read but hold. Filled with practical but spiritual suggestions for creating ceremony and celebration at all important times of life. The recommended reading list in the back alone makes it worth the price.
