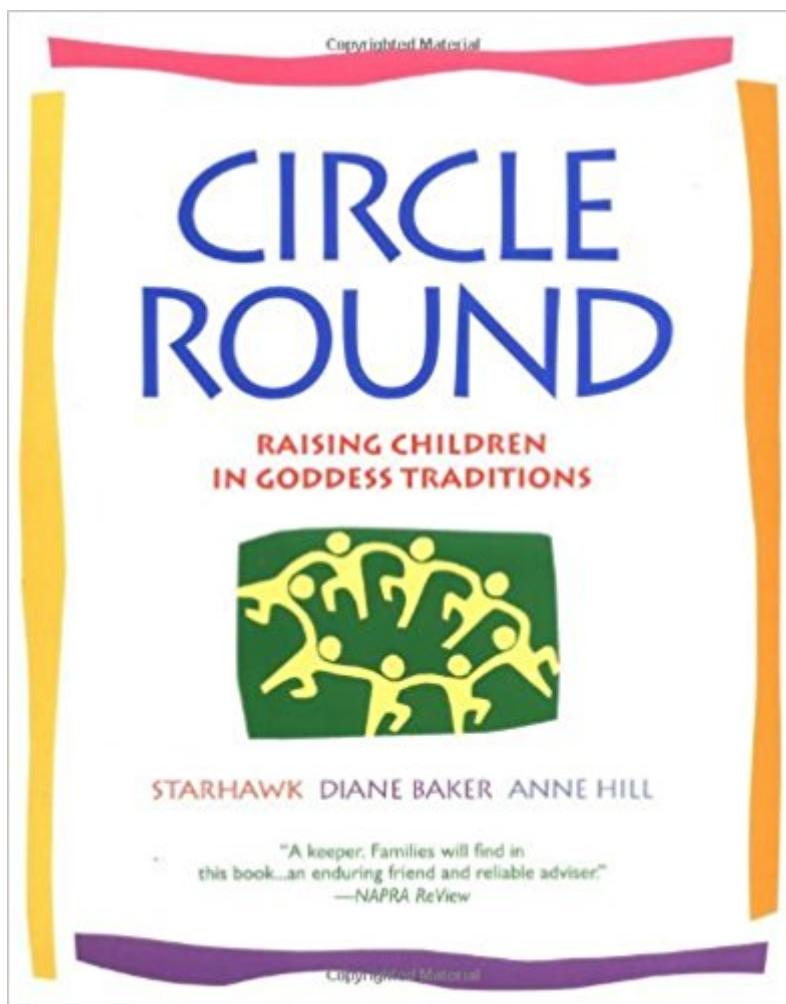


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# Circle Round: Raising Children In Goddess Traditions



## **Synopsis**

In our rushed, stressed society, it's sometimes difficult to spend meaningful time as a family. Now Starhawk, Diane Baker, and Anne Hill offer new ways to foster a sense of togetherness through celebrations that honor the sacredness of life and our Mother Earth. Goddess tradition embraces the wheel of life, the never-ending cycle of birth, growth, love, fulfillment, and death. Each turn of the wheel is presented here, in eight holidays spanning the changing seasons, in rites of passage for life transitions, and in the elements of fire, air, water, earth, and spirit. Circle Round is rich with songs, rituals, craft and cooking projects, and read-aloud stories, as well as suggestions for how you can create your own unique family traditions. Here are just some of the ways to make each event in the cycle of life more special: Mark Summer Solstice by making sweet-smelling herb pillows for good dreams Send a teenager off to college with the Leaving Behind and Carrying With rituals Comfort an injured child with the Tree of Life meditation Commemorate a loved one by planting or donating a treeAs a one-of-a-kind resource for people of many faiths and beliefs, Circle Round will be a beloved companion in your home for years to come.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

The 20th-century reclamation of Goddess traditions has evolved from a small counterculture revolution of the mid-1900s to the birthright of an entire generation of children and young teenagers. However, the parents--who were adults when they first turned to paganism--are discovering that raising children in a pagan tradition can prove difficult amidst the near void of resources to assist

them in teaching this way of life. Relying on age-old learning methods, such as songs and storytelling, Circle Round fills this void with techniques that are truly rooted in traditions. This priceless resource offers guidelines for helping children discover the different facets of the Goddess tradition--from altars to sabbats--and suggests recipes, creative projects, and other activities resuscitating the values of family in our latchkey society. --Brian Patterson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"A bountiful harvest...Families will find in this book...an enduring friend and reliable adviser."--NAPRA ReView" Wonderful...With the term 'family values' so carelessly tossed about these days, it's nice to read a book which so thoroughly demonstrates them."--The Roanoke Times"Clever, inspiring, and jam-packed with ideas."--Sonoma County Independent

I saw where a lot of people were upset about one particular part of this book, which was an article about sex written by a 14 year old boy who was very obviously a 14 year old boy. I read his article, and quite frankly, yeah, he's over-zealous about wanting to do the deed, however, he's a very informed teenager. If you read past his "why not start sooner rather than later" comment, it's very well written and isn't meant to be taught to your kids until you believe they are of age to learn about such things. He pushes consent, different types of birth control, and responsibility, as well as saying something along the lines of "If her parents aren't cool with premarital sex and/or have differing beliefs, you need to respect their decision and not do it." All in all, this book is amazing. My 8 year old loves the lessons so far. The songs are pretty easy to sight read if you don't have a piano or other instrument. The crafts are adorable. You'll love it.

I really hesitated over this. There are several apparently similar books but this is the one that is mentioned everywhere. I don't have the resources to buy multiple books and I really wanted some direction on this. This book is spectacularly good. It is well written and practical. None of this wishy-washy, new-age pseudo-spiritual stuff. It is down-to-earth ideas and info for real Pagans who just live this way and are not dabbling in it just because it's edgy. There is nothing vague in here and very little fluff. It is basically packed with real information and specifics. I never dreamed I could find anything so good. Some things may not be exactly precise to my path, but it is plenty flexible and non-judgmental, considering how specific it is. I have not been so happy about a book in years. I highly recommend it for solitary or isolated Pagans like us.

This book is great. I bought it used for a better price and it was so nice. Its a very large, long book. Hardcover makes it really nice. It covers almost every topic. All the holidays plus stories, recipes, crafts, ideas to do with older kids and younger. I don't agree with everything in the book but its very open to switch around to fit my needs. It covers the moon phases. Alters for yours and kids. Shadow boxes. Ideas for each phase of life, baby, toddler, preteen, teen, adult, pregnancy (\*Trigger\* Also covers loss a little). I just skimmed through it and read a few stories so I'm sure I'm missing a lot but so far I really love it.

This book is everything I could have ever hoped for and more. I've wanted to teach my son about celebrating the seasons and this book is perfect. From the history to the activities and the recipes... the best.

Having read several reviews for this book I bought and read it in conjunction with *Celebrating the Great Mother: A handbook of Earth-honoring activities for parents and children*. I personally found this book to have ideas that can be used for a wider age range than *Celebrating the Great Mother*. I liked the inclusion of stories from different cultural backgrounds and enjoyed comparing how Starhawk reiterated them to fit a more Goddess centered tradition and the modern Neo-Pagan mindset. I also found the section on the life cycle to be helpful in inducing me to think on rituals in that regard. Finally, I liked that this book focused more on activities that I felt even a skeptical child could participate in. Some of the activities in *Celebrating the Great Mother* felt a little too "New Age" for me whereas I felt that many here were more "this worldly" and could still be appreciated by children who aren't interested in "magic" as being a family or community "tradition."

This is a great book. I have had mine a long time and still would not give it up. It has beautiful activities to do with your children or even as adults together. Great for camping as well. It is a goddess based earthing book with a sectional breakdown for activities based on the festival/event/solstices being celebrated. Any part of it can be used at anytime to bring activity and closeness together. It's a very special book to me that I referenced while raising my own child. It will be a book I pass down.

Even if this is second language to me and my daughter, this book is a great help for me to introduce her into my spiritual path. There are some things that are different of course from one country to another, but it's not impossible to work around that and make it suitable to age and personal

development. This is something we work slowly and in her pace through.

Very informative book.

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