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GRAHAM HARVEY, Contemporary New York: New York University Press, 1997, 250 p. New Age beliefs which seem to have been the growth area for new religions during the last two decades are now making an easy transition to neo-paganism. Graham Harvey's Contemporary Paganism demonstrates that the so-called "New Age Movement" paved the way for the acceptance of neo-pagan beliefs among many people. Although Harvey's book is remarkably uncritical, it documents the growth of neo-paganism in Britain and provides a good overview of this dynamic movement by outlining the basic beliefs of its members and the groups with which they are associated. The book has, appropriately enough, thirteen chapters. These are: 1) "Celebrating the seasons"; 2) "Druidry"; 3) "The craft of witches"; 4) "Heathens"; 5) "Goddess spirituality"; 6) "Magic"; 7) "Shamanism"; 8) "Ecology"; 9) "Earth mysteries"; 10) "Gods and hedgehogs in the Greenwood"; 11) "History, sources and influences"; 12) "Rites of passage"; and 13) "Paganism and other religions." Unfortunately, very little statistical or methodological information is given in the text. Therefore, the reader is not told whether the group under

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