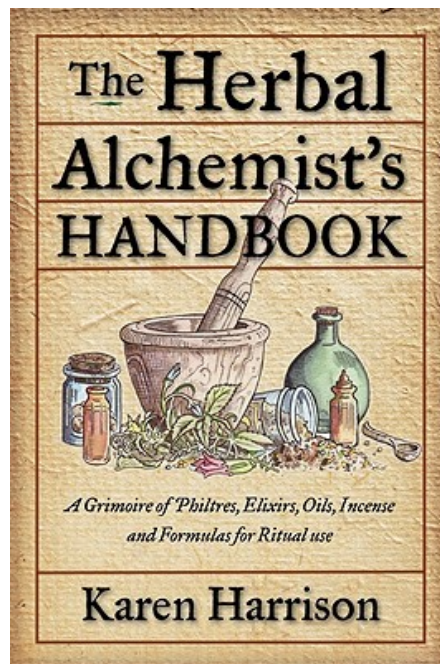




Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use

Karen Harrison

[Download now](#)

[Read Online](#) ➔

Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use

Karen Harrison

Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use Karen Harrison

A Grimoire of Philtres Elixirs Oils Incense and Formulas for Ritual Use. .

Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use Details

Date : Published June 1st 2011 by Weiser Books

ISBN : 9781578634910

Author : Karen Harrison

Format : Paperback 256 pages

Genre : Witchcraft, Plants, Herbs, Esoterica, Alchemy, Occult, Magick

 [Download Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtre ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philt ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use Karen Harrison

From Reader Review Herbal Alchemist's Handbook: A Grimoire of Philtres, Elixirs, Oils, Incense, and Formulas for Ritual Use for online ebook

Rachel says

I enjoyed this book. It gave me new ideas and inspired me to try new things, which is something I'm always grateful to find. Her overview of planetary energies and how those correspond to various herbs was useful to me, because while I am familiar with the uses of herbs within ritual and witchcraft related contexts, I've never delved into just what it means that - for example- fly agaric is an "herb of Pluto." Now I have a better understanding of just what that implies. Yes I know, I probably should have looked deeper into the system years ago, but I didn't!

I was really intrigued by the incorporation of numerology in formula composition, and already have a personal blend in the works. The natal chart/horoscope formula method is also interesting, but I need to broaden my horizons a bit more in astrology before messing with it. Not saying that she didn't supply enough information to successfully jump right in, I just prefer to do a bit more reading first. My astrological experience/forays only includes looking at my daily horoscope in the newspaper while drinking my first cup of coffee in the morning...

Is this the be all and end all reference on this subject? Absolutely not, but it's a good primer on it. There are formulas and rituals for each planet, so the reader is encouraged to get a feel for working with various botanicals and familiarizing themselves with the properties through a hands-on approach. I really enjoy tooling around with herbs and oils (and setting them on fire or stuffing them in pouches with rocks and other stuff) and jump at any exercise that gives me a legitimate, educational reason to buy more for my already overflowing cabinet. I'm delighted to be working outside my comfort zone with some botanicals that I have never worked with before. Her practical advice for actually making things like bath salts/teas, oil blends and loose incenses is awesome. Read through it and you'll avoid screwing up your blends and kitchen equipment while experimenting. Trust me, some of those oils, resins and flowers are so pricey that you will want to waste as little as possible.

I do have a few caveats about the appendices. For the most part, the information is solid, but I did catch some typos. The chart for daily planetary energies for the outer three planets is off. I had to white it out and put the planet names under the proper days. Appendix A has a few contradictory listings of correspondences when compared against subsequent assignments given for particular elemental energies. Sneaky stuff like that is unfortunately in more than just a couple of listings.

I advise anyone who is serious about doing this kind of work to grab another reference for herbs and do some cross-checking. I advise cross-checking no matter what kind of esoteric work is being performed, honestly. Even Cunningham's reference guide will do. It also has more listings. Paul Beyerl's books are also excellent references and guides. Beyerl also goes more in depth about the medicinal and toxic properties of the plants, which is highly important: some things should never be ingested, bathed in or even touched with bare hands, and it's best to know these things before wading in.

Happy herbing!

Kayley says

It's a great book, but I just wish the sections were organized better.

Spider Goddess says

Excellent reference book. Though I did enjoy reading it from cover-to-cover, this only acquainted me with all of the valuable information contained herein. I shall refer back to it regularly, I am sure.

Aphrodisiastes Le fay says

EXCELLENTE. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND. :)

Axel says

the books are interesting

TresJ says

I love this book. I need to order a hardcopy of it! Its not as 'woo-woo' as the title sounds. It is a extremely in depth primer on understanding and using natural oils and herbs in everyday uses.

Shannon Dillman says

Easy to put this book down. Was hoping for more healing properties and less magic. Nothing to write home about.

Rosemary Bloom says

This book is heavily concentrated on aligning your work with planetary influences, something that I am not a huge believer in. Another who does find that helpful may find this useful. There are no recipes or instructions that stand out more than other books on herbalism. I did not finish the entire book.
