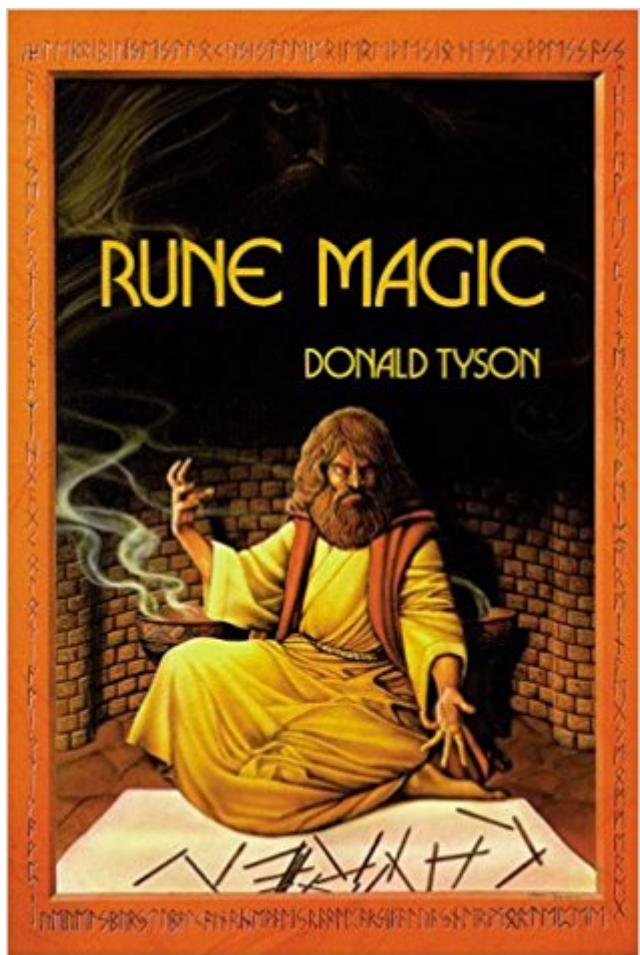


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# Rune Magic (Llewellyn's Practical Magick)



## **Synopsis**

This book is about the magical alphabet of the North European peoples - its background, history, use in ritual and divination, and its meaning. The runes are fully integrated into modern Western occult practice. A fascinating ritual method is presented which clearly shows how a rune ritual may be patterned.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Donald Tyson (Nova Scotia, Canada) is an occult scholar and the author of the popular, critically acclaimed Necronomicon series. He has written more than a dozen books on Western esoteric traditions. Visit him online at [DonaldTyson.com](http://DonaldTyson.com).

This is a book on rune magick. This is an awesome book that tells about runes and magickal acts. Use the book for your spells and works. its a good one.

I bought these to further understand the Runes. The deck has the Rune symbols and a description of the meaning of each on the other side. Good for learning.

I have been working with runes for some time. My biggest complaint was that you had to carry the stones, which are heavy, so the cards work out perfectly.

What I like about this book is that it gives the reader some history along with some practical knowledge, including good definitions, when they are known, of each and every rune. I purchased this copy to replace an earlier copy that was destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Perhaps if I had studied the book more carefully, I could have thrown the runes and seen what was coming. :)

I was really pleased at how good a condition it was in and that it came in faster than they told me it would. I would order again and tell all my friends. Thank You so much

## Gift

The first three chapters of *Rune Magic* are decent. Tyson starts with retelling the Teutonic creation story, then goes on to talk about the likely sources of the Runes and *Rune Magic*, which I might add, I was pleasantly surprised to see he stayed with source materials: *Eddas* and *Sagas*. Even Tyson's discussions of the Runes stayed true to commonly accepted beliefs. Be warned though, he looks at the Runes through a Judeo-Christian lens with a heavy westernized occult coloring. He's definitely not traditional by any means. Like Aswynn, Tyson points out connections between Rune pairs running throughout the sequence: Fehu with Uruz, Thurisaz with Ansuz, Raido with Kenaz, and so on. While Aswynn offers a deeper, more esoteric perspective, I found Tyson's down-to-earth take refreshing and practical. For instance, he reminds us that joy and happiness (*Wunjo*) often arises from receiving and giving gifts (*Gebo*). Where Tyson's work starts to fall apart is on page 79 when he tells us that man "cannot command the gods of pagan mythology unless he gains authority from the transcendent All-Father. Otherwise the lesser gods will become demons who will make the Magus their dupe." What the f\_ck? His ritualistic approach to the Runes is overly complicated and filled with an incessant need to dedicate everything to the Gods. Unlike ceremonial magic of the Greeks and medieval grimoires, Teutonic magic is very simple. What we see in Icelandic Grimoires is little preparation, use of every day utensils like used bowls and knives, and rarely is anything ever dedicated to the Gods. They might call upon Thor to hallow something, but nothing like Tyson's approach (90). If I were sixteen and reading this book I would be mystified. Thankfully I am not. *Rune Magic* is just another Llewellyn fluff piece on one end and outright insulting on the other. Don't get me wrong, Tyson has some insights to offer, they're just not worth your time or money to hunt for.

I've seen a lot of rune books but I've never seen one where you 'banished' Odin in the ritual in the name of the nameless one. What's the nameless one exactly? Is it the Christian Diety or Cthulu? What's a wiccan pentacle doing in norse ritual work? And 7 planets spread with runes? What's that about?

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