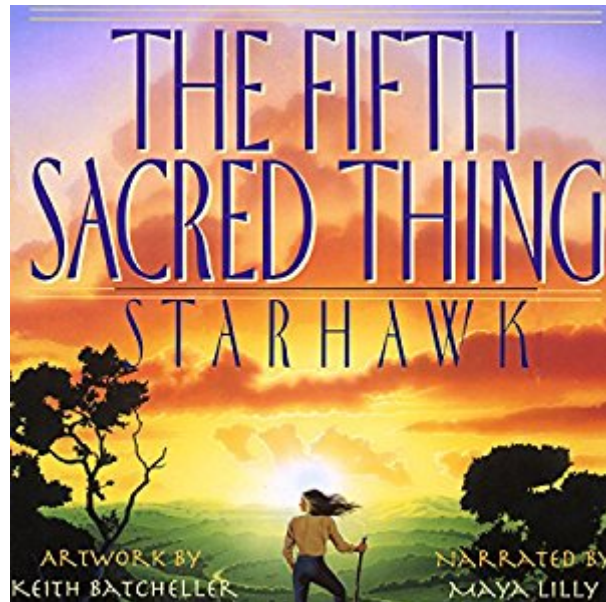




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The Fifth Sacred Thing



Synopsis

One act of courage can change the world. The year is 2048. Climate change and bio-warfare have ravaged much of the Earth, and societal meltdown has splintered the US into fragments. But out of the ruins, Northern California has built a thriving culture based on respect for the four sacred things: air, fire, water and earth. The Fifth Sacred Thing is an epic tale of freedom and slavery, love and war, and the potential futures of humankind. It tells of a 21st century California clan caught between two clashing worlds: one based on tolerance, the other on repression. It is both a love story between two people and a war story between two opposing ideals.

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Customer Reviews

Here is what I wrote on paper and posted on the bulletin board at the 1974 North American Annual Rainbow Gathering in Wyoming in 1994: Sisters and Brothers of the Planet Earth!! I recommend to you a great read, An extraordinary literary vision of a possible future, including: The workings of a consensus council, Great Sex in the year 2048 A.D., Fascinating and varied human interactions, Magic, Joy, Torture, Imprisonment, Amazing journeys across the land, Cultural diversity, A wonderfully detailed picture of nonviolent resistance to, and triumph over, fascist domination, Highly developed and integrated approaches to healing, Earth, Air, Fire and Water (#'s 1-4), Spirit (#5), All our relations, And more, in *The Fifth Sacred Thing*, By Starhawk

Actually, I've read this book several times over the years and it is one of my favorites. This order (as

have been several others) was a gift for a special friend, so clearly, I think this book is well worth the reading.

I read this book in a couple of days and wish I had taken longer to savor the story:) The Fifth Sacred Thing is a revolutionary book about the way the world could be. Starhawk writes about the very things that are relevant at our time yet this book was written 20 years ago. This is my favorite book that I have read in a long time. This is a beautiful story filled with magic, adventure, hope and a vision of the re-creation of this world we live in. I read this book and then bought 4 other books of Starhawk's and have pre-ordered her new book which is the sequel to this book The Fifth Sacred Thing.

An excellent novel with very unusual perspectives on reality that are based in truth and goodness. It is a story for modern man to study. Set in San Francisco of the future... it unfolds a timeline that we hope will never appear.

I first read "The Fifth Sacred Thing" shortly after it was first published, in 1993. I read it several times, then packed it away. A few weeks ago, it was again published in Kindle format, and I bought it again and read it again. I am so glad I did. This is a magical book, and it was never more timely than now. It is 2048 California, at a time when war, environmental destruction and corporate fascism has destroyed the United States. The American democracy is no more, replaced by geographic elites. In California, power is held by an extreme fundamentalist theocracy run by the "The Stewards," that is eerily similar to the "New Apostolic Reformation" creed currently espoused by several candidates for the Republican nomination for president, particularly Rick Perry and Michelle Bachmann. "Corporate Personhood" rules, and "The Corporation," a militaristic oligarchy owns everything...the air, the water, food, and medicine, which is dribbled out to a small privileged elite. Non whites and women and little more than slaves....except in Northern California, where a neo pagan, holistic, non violent, cooperative community continues to exist. Now, it is coming under attack by The Corporation and its army of indentured soldiers. I won't give away the ending, but the book is about how a community of witches, healers, artists, musicians and revolutionaries choose to respond to oppression and violence. Can non violence defeat a powerful social and military force? Can a revolution be won with dreams, visions, and magic? Is love the secret weapon that can defeat the mightiest of armies? Read "The Fifth Sacred Thing" and find out! If you are a fan of AU fiction, you will love this book. What a movie (or TV series) it would make!

This is an engaging book that not only entertains, but delivers new ideas and ways in which to view the world. The ideas and themes in this book challenge our preconceived notions of what "should be", what is right and what is wrong. This is an excellent book to read in a book club because there is so much to discuss and debate about. There are descriptions of violence and sexual assault, so this may be difficult for survivors to read.

Starhawk's book 'The Fifth Sacred Thing' is literally a book that changes lives! I read this when starting on a deep and fulfilling path, and was introduced to ideas like Polyamory and Permaculture and more which brought depth and complexity to my life! The characters in the Fifth Sacred Thing are people that you can relate to, who tap into the magic that lives in their own hearts (and in all of us). I still cry when I read this book again and highly recommend it to anyone who loves a good story, and wants to learn more about the deep magic in the world

This is one of my favorite stories of hope and redemption in a not too distant, and not too unbelievable post apocalyptic future. It's classic good against evil; good being a group of people who've banded together in love and equity, and using various wiccan and pagan powers, have carved out a life that is gentle on the earth. Bad is a group of power hungry with guns and monopoly on drugs, especially drugs everyone has to take to stay alive. It's a long novel, that works for me, but maybe not everyone. Starhawk is an important neopagan and ecofeminist leader, so it's always good to read what she writes.

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