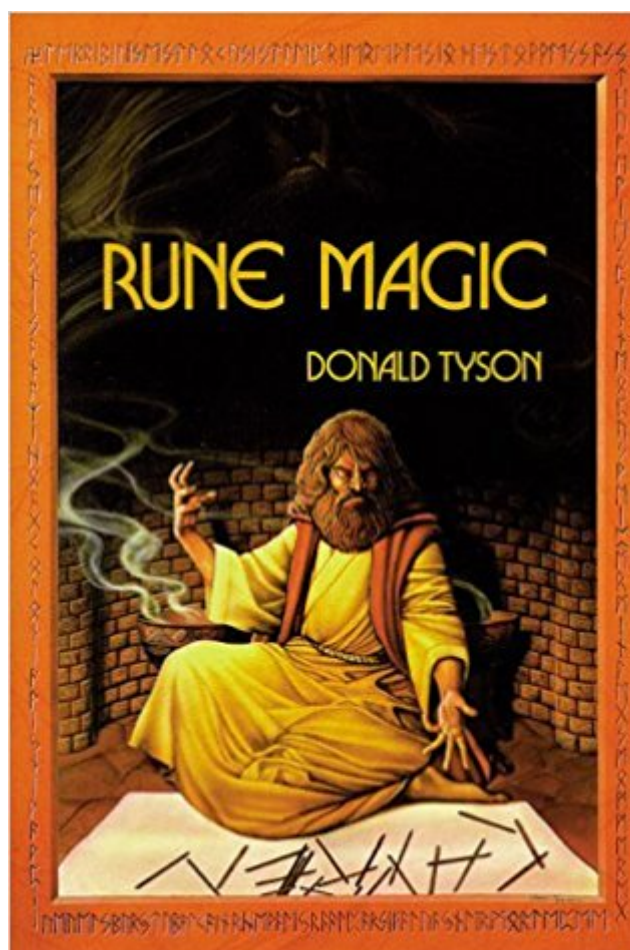


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# Rune Magic (Llewellyn's Practical Magick)



## 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.

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## Customer Reviews

I'll admit there is some information of use here, but... I think Mr. Tyson has a problem discerning his personal views from real tradition. He approaches rune magic with a very strict ceremonial viewpoint. There is nothing wrong, in my opinion, with using runes along with other systems, but I think he takes it a little far when he treats the Norse pantheon like they are some type of lesser spirit to be commanded. Anyone who has studied Norse deities should be able to conjure the amusing image of a human trying to order a god like Odin around. A quote here should illustrate his off key, over complication. "An hour or so before ritual, bathe, drain the water from the tub and refill it with fresh water. Kneel before the tub and speak a prayer of cleansing over the water. As you pray, drop several grains of salt that have been previously consecrated into the water and bathe again. Dry yourself and don the ritual robe--a plain white garment that allows comfort and ease of movement." Only after this are you allowed to do the simplest of rituals. No doubt these are NOT in any way related to Old Norse traditional practices... sounds more like an obsessive-compulsive bather than a rune magician to me. He also seems to feel a need to bleed on almost anything he makes. If he

were a truly skilled occultist it would be understood that a sacrifice of magical energy and life force could be made just as well without continual self-mutilation. I'm not completely against using your own blood in magic, but this guy goes, once again, a little too far. I think he may be a masochist as well, who claims you can't get very far in magic if you don't make his suggested sacrifices.

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