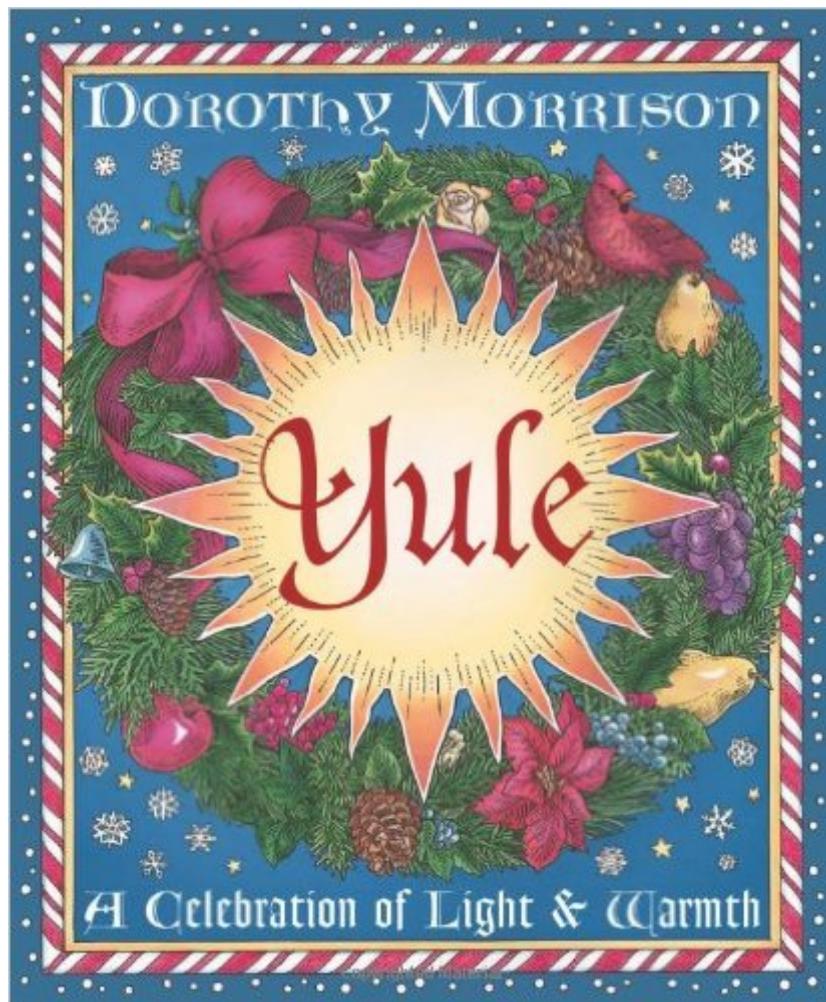


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Unfortunately, this book made me feel less-than-jolly. It quickly became apparent to me that Ms. Morrison uses the words Yule and Christmas interchangeably, which is absolutely not the same holiday at all. While they may have been originated from the same tradition originally they are not the same holiday now. When reading Yule trivia, I don't expect to read about Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. In the very first paragraph, Dorothy takes the reader through a quick lesson in the history of the evolution of the Pagan celebration of the solstice to the modern day Christmas. To my personal dislike, she is very subjective and, admittedly in the first footnote, draws her own conclusions based on various sources. This can probably be an applied statement of her entire book- she continued her generalizations, biases, and drew her own conclusions. Why do I say this? In the small portion of the book that is not arts and crafts- there are some very strong assumptions and large errors. First of all, the Oak King/Holly King archetypes are mentioned throughout the book as a Celtic gods traditionally celebrated at the solstice. This is not factually accurate, as there is no record of the Oak/Holly King in any Celtic mythology nor any other traditions from the culture. However, Sir James Frazer did make a mention of the King of Summer and King of Winter battling for their rule in The Golden Bough, which was expanded upon by the poet Robert

Graves in The White Goddess. Neither sources can be called historical fact as both authors took some creative freedoms with their blending of ancient mythology and modern fiction.

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