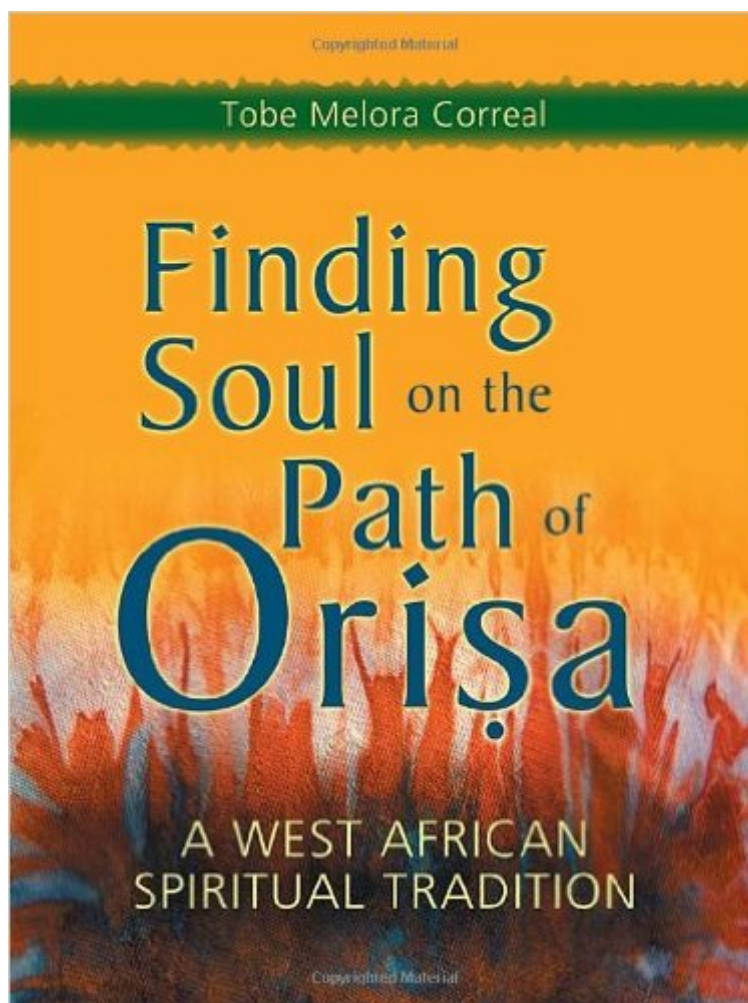


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Finding Soul On The Path Of Orisa: A West African Spiritual Tradition



Synopsis

In the realm of African spiritual pathways, no tradition is so widely embraced and practiced as the West African religion Orisa. Awakened by her own spiritual journey, Tobe Melora Correal, an initiated priestess in the Yoruba-Lukumi branch of Orisa, guides us along this blessed road. FINDING THE SOUL ON THE PATH OF ORISA provides a fresh look at these ancient teachings and emphasizes introspection and inner work over the outward manifestations of Orisa's practices. Correal debunks misconceptions surrounding the tradition, drawing us into a lushly textured, Earth-centered spiritual system; a compassionate and useful roadmap for revering God.

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Customer Reviews

I wasn't sure why I was buying Finding Soul on the Path of Orisa: A West African Spiritual Tradition by Tobe Melora Correal since I don't work with much from Yoruba religion, but am very grateful I did. Somehow, in trying to balance the out the dangerous misconception that all the MoreWorlders (Deities, ancestors, Nature, æspirits, etc) are safe and want to help, I stopped remembering the loving part of the MoreWorld. Especially when I read about Vodou, Santeria, hoodoo, and all the other African Diaspora religions which are filled with warnings that the Gods are real, you better follow thru, and this is not a game. Those are very important messages for all MoreWorlder workers. Many Neopagans who don't understand that need books about Santeria warning them. Those of us who are hard polytheists tend to already know (the hard way?) that the

MoreWorlders are real, we better not break oaths to them, and it is the fabric of your life. New Orleans Voodoo and Southern US hoodoo is usually judged by one thing: Does it work? There is no Priesthood and the books tend to focus on spells and workings. Worship doesn't come into play, unless Christian. Cuban Santeria (Yoruba) and Haitian Vodou (mainly Dahomey) are much more closely linked to different African ways and thus have rules, hierarchy, initiations, and long ceremonies of worship. Reading a book about the spiritual growth and love within one West African tradition, orisa from the Yoruba people in southern Nigeria, some of whom still worship the orisa the way they have for possibly 10,000 years, inspired me to remember why we usually come to any religion: love.

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