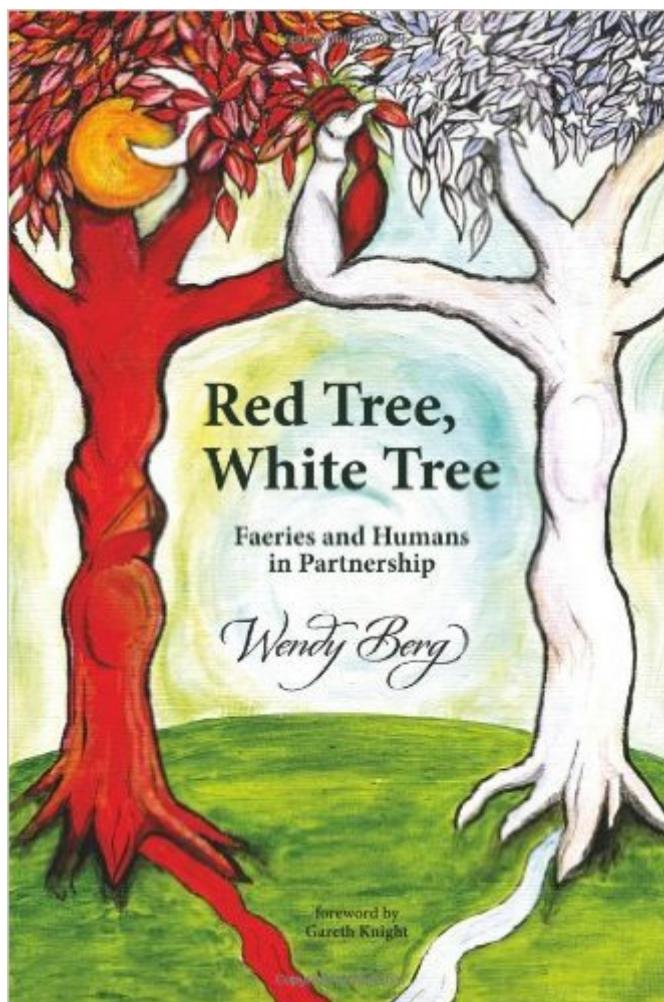


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# Red Tree, White Tree: Faeries And Humans In Partnership



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"The most important and challenging book on Arthurian and Grail tradition for many a long year." - Gareth Knight. The relationship between human and Faery lies at the very core of the Arthurian stories. In this radical re-evaluation of the Grail legends, Wendy Berg brings the ancient mythology of the British Isles into sharp focus centred around the marriage of King Arthur to the Faery Gwenevere and the origin and destiny of the Grail Hallows. Drawing upon numerous Arthurian sources and other related texts from the Book of Genesis to The Lord of the Rings, she explores the magical ritual underpinning of the legends and their connection to the ancient stellar deities of Britain. "When these stories are read with the additional level of understanding that they are for the most part a record of the lives and relationships of Faeries and humans working together about the Round Table, they immediately become not only a great deal more interesting, but also acquire a new and vivid relevance for the present day."

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Most things I've seen on the Faery people seem a bit sugary and a bit juvenile. THIS book changes all of that and will set the standard for groundbreaking, thought provoking, and inspirational material on the relationship(s) between Faery and humans. If you read this material and ponder its deeper implications, you'll see quickly that Gareth Knight's review is very understated. Read this carefully, then re-visit Chretien de Troyes or Malory with this volume near at hand and you'll see the Arthurian legend from a vastly refreshing perspective. The stories move from the dusty mythology shelf to full

living color with this daring new perspective Wendy Berg provides. THIS author will be one of the futures most read authors I'm sure. She speaks from a position of knowledge and inner perception I can only say reminds me of Dion Fortune in her heyday. PS: After reading Ms. Berg's newest book on "Gwenevere and the Round Table" I have to urge readers of this book to also get and thoroughly digest the new one. The two books deserve a prominent place in a well rounded esoteric library.

This book is remarkable. Wendy Berg has brought back to life (so to speak) what faery is and why it is important to humankind. Ever wonder about Guenevere and why/how she is and is not at the same time in the legends? Ever wonder why the interest and ideas about faery never completely fade away, although they have become hidden from view of the average modern human being? You won't after you read Wendy's insightful work.

It helps to have read "Mists of Avalon" for first-timers to understand what this author is saying. I liked the book for mythological purposes, and it adds to knowledge in this area. But there are lots of assumptions made that might appear as fact. She does a very good job in linking what we do know with what appears to be....but since I am a researcher, I would like more definitive documentation. It's a good read, and I will keep it on my bookshelf in the section about the study of mythology.

This book is absolutely INCREDIBLE!!! While I might have taken issue with a couple of minor details, I found it to be incredibly powerful, moving, thoughtful, and thought-provoking. I've read virtually everything out there on this subject, and I found this to be one of the most original approaches to the topic I've ever encountered. Wendy, PLEASE GIVE US MORE!!!!

I'm only leaving the rating as high as 2 stars because of the wonderful condition the seller sent it in. The actual contents of the book are complete nonsense. Despite quoting sources such as The Mabinogion there is a complete lack of understanding of the text. Berg claims that Faeries have their start in the Bible, and that The British Isles have no gods of their own. She creates leaps and assumptions about what she considers "faerie tradition" and uses The Lord of the Rings as a primary source for her personal theology. Grail mythos was veiled with Christian symbolism and archetypes, but Faerie isn't. This is not about Faeries, this a judeo-Christian attempt to completely alter the history and mythology of faeries.

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