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# Witchcraft







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Chapter 1  
MAY DAY  
FESTIVAL

It is a bright spring day.

The river flows.

Birds sing.

Then they go quiet.

People are coming.

Who are they?

They put up a pole.

Long ribbons hang from it.

Then the people form a circle.





They begin to sing.  
A drum thumps.  
The singing stops.  
Each person takes a ribbon.  
Some move right.  
Others move left.

*Thump. Thump. Thump.*  
Faster and faster.  
People **weave** the ribbons.  
In and out.  
In and out.  
The pole is covered.











Then everyone stands still.  
A woman comes forward.  
She says some words.  
She touches the pole.  
She asks for good luck.  
Another comes forward.  
He asks for a *blessing*.

What is going on?  
Who are these people?  
They are witches.  
But few people know it.







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Do witches fly?

What is a green witch?

Can witches talk to ghosts?

Was magic once a crime?

Do you believe in magic?



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