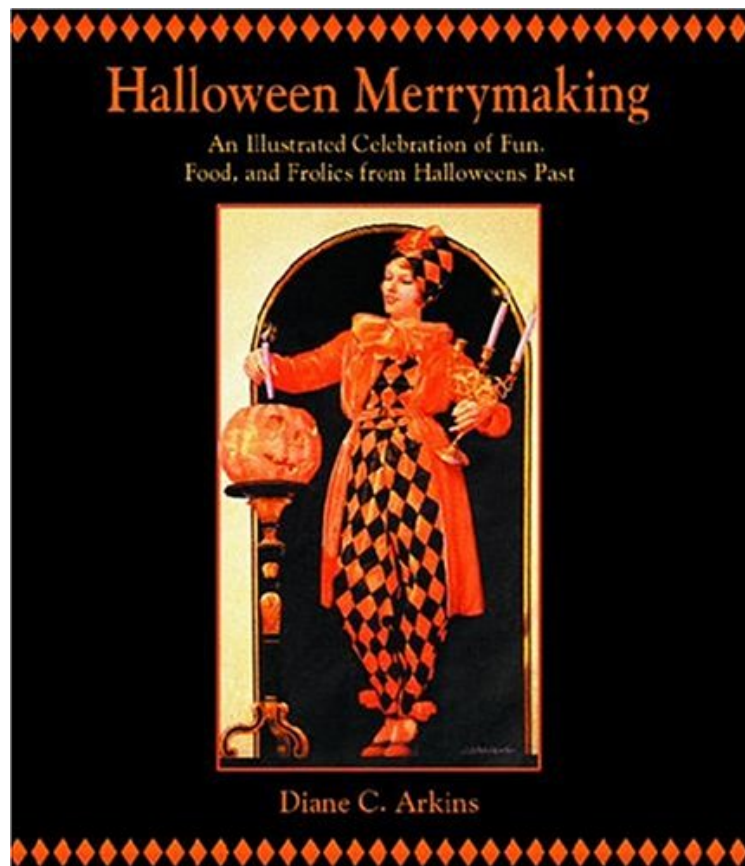


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Diane Arkins : Halloween Merrymaking: An Illustrated Celebration of Fun, Food, and Frolics from Halloweens Past before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Halloween Merrymaking: An Illustrated Celebration of Fun, Food, and Frolics from Halloweens Past:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expected, but it grew on meBy Mell'll admit to being disappointed when this book first arrived (a couple of years ago now). I must not have paid very close attention to the details and was expecting something different. However, I came to enjoy reading about how Halloween was celebrated in its Golden Age.The one complaint I have about this book has been stated by other reviewers as well: the illustrations are too small! Many of the images would be SO much better if they were larger. (The desktop publisher in me also *cringes* at the page layout!) More pages with larger graphics would have resulted in a better book (and five stars from me).1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Vintage and antique Halloween.By jerry a.Good book if you collect vintage and antique Halloween items with many photos and information.Great reference book. I

would recommend it. 50 of 52 people found the following review helpful. A mostly-charming treat...just one trick. By THEATRIXI awaited the release of this book with keen anticipation, and overall, find it a delightful retrospective of Halloween celebrations of days gone by. The excerpts from vintage magazines and party guides are charming. My chief complaint lies with the design and treatment of the visuals in the book - they are painfully small. At such a reduced size, they don't allow the reader to fully appreciate the charm of the vintage advertisements, postcards, invitations and photos of costumed revelers.

Recipes, games, costumes, party ideas, and decorations, along with excerpts from vintage periodicals, show the gaiety that epitomized historic Halloween celebrations.

From the Inside Flap "October, the golden month, when Nature having reaped a wonder harvest of beauty, wastes it like a spendthrift for our joy! What hostess can fail of success in entertaining this month when there are autumn leaves, flowers, 'golden glorious,' and vines flushing with crimson, to bedeck the table?"--The Housekeeper, October 1910 For late-October revelers, Halloween has traditionally been filled with surprise. Contemporary readers, though, might be amazed to discover how vastly differently this popular holiday was celebrated in America during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Halloween observances staged between the late 1870s and the early 1930s--a period often referred to as the holiday's "Golden Age"--routinely boasted decorations gleaned from nature, clever homemade party favors, winsome (not gruesome) masquerade attire, and intriguing old, old-fashioned games that were often designed to divine the identity of one's future mate. Halloween Merrymaking: An Illustrated Celebration of Fun, Food, and Frolics from Halloweens Past offers a fascinating glimpse at material from a vast assortment of the vintage party guides and magazines that guided intrepid hostesses in their quests to stage parties worthy of the holiday's reputation for mystery and fun. Filled with illustrations and mementos, Halloween Merrymaking pays splendid tribute to the imaginative festivities of yesteryear. From the Back Cover "A unique window on American culture and a treasure trove of ideas for planning an old-fashioned celebration of your own." --Victorian Decorating Lifestyle "Sure to be remembered as one of the most surprising and delightful additions to holiday books in a long time." --Tampa Tribune "Author Diane Arkins has collected old-fashioned poems and prose, vivid images, and fanciful illustration to recreate a holiday based on the joy of the harvest. If you love Halloween, you'll love this."--Country Collectibles Halloween Merrymaking: An Illustrated Celebration of Fun, Food, and Frolics from Halloweens Past offers fascinating material from vintage party guides and magazines that guided hostesses in their quests to stage parties worthy of the holiday's reputation for mystery and fun. Filled with illustrations and mementos, this book pays splendid tribute to the imaginative festivities of yesteryear. About the Author Diane C. Arkins graduated with a B.S. in journalism from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She first published feature stories at age nineteen in Seventeen, Co-Ed, and Woman's Day magazines. She has also been a contributing editor for Country Accents magazine and writes regularly for several national magazines. Arkins's other titles include Halloween: Romantic Art and Customs of Yesteryear, Halloween: Romantic Art and Customs of Yesteryear Postcard Book, and Halloween Merrymaking: An Illustrated Celebration of Fun, Food, and Frolics from Halloweens Past, all published by Pelican.