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New York and its folklore
scholars hold an
important place in the
history of the discipline.

In New York dialogue between folklore researchers in the academy and those working in the public arena has been highly productive. In this volume, the works of New York's academic and public folklorists are presented together. Unlike some folklore anthologies, New York State Folklife Reader does not follow an organizational plan based on regions or genres. Because the New York Folklore Society has

always tried to "give folklore back to the people," the editors decided to divide the edited volume into sections about life processes that all New York state residents share. The book begins with five essays on various aspects of folk cultural memory: personal, family, community, and historical processes of remembrance expressed through narrative, ritual, and other forms of folklore. Following these

essays, subsequent sections explore aspects of life in New York through the lens of Play, Work, Resistance, and Food. Both the New York Folklore Society and its journal were, as society cofounder Louis Jones explained, "intended to reach not just the professional folklorists but those of the general public who were interested in the oral traditions of the State." Written in an accessible and readable style, this volume offers a glimpse

into New York State's rich cultural diversity.

Island Sounds in the Global City Routledge

Turner presents a collection of collages of statues, flowers, pictures, photographs, drawings, amulets, pieces of shell, and bits of earth in 100 illustrations, 80 of which are in color.

Santería Enthroned University of Illinois Press

Persecuted as evil during colonial times, considered charlatans during the nation-building era, Puerto Rican brujos (witch-healers) today have become spiritual entrepreneurs who

advise their clients not only in consultation with the spirits but also in compliance with state laws and new economic opportunities. Combining trance, dance, magic, and healing practices with expertise in the workings of the modern welfare state, they help lawyers win custody suits, sick employees resolve labor disability claims, single mothers apply for government housing, or corporation managers maximize their commercial skills. Drawing on extensive fieldwork among practicing brujos, this book presents a masterful history and ethnography of Puerto Rican brujería (witch-healing). Raquel Romberg explores how brujería emerged from a blending of

popular Catholicism, Afro-Latin religions, French Spiritism, and folk Protestantism and also looks at how it has adapted to changes in state policies and responded to global flows of ideas and commodities. She demonstrates that, far from being an exotic or marginal practice in the modern world, brujería has become an invisible yet active partner of consumerism and welfare capitalism.

I Walked the Road Again
New York State Folklife Reader

Children have their own games, stories, riddles, and so forth. This book gives students and general

readers an introduction to children's folklore. Included are chapters on the definition and classification of children's folklore, the presence of children's folklore in literature and popular culture, and the scholarly interpretation of children's folklore. The volume also includes a wide range of examples and texts demonstrating the variety of children's folklore around the world. Children have always had their own games, stories, riddles, jokes, and so forth. Many times, children's folklore differs

significantly from the folklore of the adult world, as it reflects the particular concerns and experiences of childhood. In the late 19th century, children's folklore began receiving growing amounts of scholarly attention, and it is now one of the most popular topics among folklorists, general readers, and students. This book is a convenient and authoritative introduction to children's folklore for nonspecialists. The volume begins with a discussion of how children's folklore is defined, and how various

types of children's folklore are classified. This is followed by a generous selection of examples and texts illustrating the variety of children's folklore from around the world. The book then looks at how scholars have responded to children's folklore since the 19th century, and how children's folklore has become prominent in popular culture. A glossary and bibliography round out the volume.

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New York State Folklife
ReaderUniv. Press of
Mississippi

Haunted Halls Univ. Press of
Mississippi
Maps the musical
Caribbeanization of New York
City, now home to the diverse
concentrations of Caribbean
people in the world. This
volume surveys a mosaic of
popular Caribbean styles,
showing how these musics
serve the dual function of
defining a group's uniqueness
and creating bridges across
ethnic boundaries.
Witchcraft and Welfare
Purple Mountain Press Ltd
Ever since its emergence in
colonial-era Cuba, Afro-
Cuban Santer í a (or

Lucum í) has displayed a
complex dynamic of
continuity and change in its
institutions, rituals, and
iconography. Originally
published in 2003 Santer í a
Enthroned combines art,
history, cultural
anthropology, and
ethnohistory to show how
Africans and their
descendants have developed
novel forms of religious
practice in the face of
relentless oppression.
Focusing on the royal throne
as a potent metaphor in
Santer í a belief and practice

it shows how negotiations
among ideologically
competing interests have
shaped the religion ' s
symbols, rituals, and
institutions from the
nineteenth century to the
present. Rich case studies of
change in Cuba and the
United States, including a
New Jersey temple and South
Carolina ' s Oyotunji
Village, reveal patterns of
innovation similar to those
found among rival Yoruba
kingdoms in Nigeria.
Throughout, the book argues
for a theoretical perspective

on culture as a field of potential strategies and "usable pasts" that actors draw upon to craft new forms and identities – a perspective that will be invaluable to all students of the African Diaspora.

New York State Folklife Reader

Why do so many American college students tell stories about encounters with ghosts? In *Haunted Halls*, the first book-length interpretive study of college ghostlore, Elizabeth Tucker takes the reader back to

school to get acquainted with a wide range of college spirits. Some of the best-known ghosts that she discusses are Emory University's Dooley, who can disband classes by shooting professors with his water pistol; Mansfield University's Sara, who threw herself down a flight of stairs after being rejected by her boyfriend; and Huntingdon College's Red Lady, who slit her wrists while dressed in a red robe. Gettysburg College students have collided with ghosts of

soldiers, while students at St. Mary-of-the-Woods College have reported frightening glimpses of the Faceless Nun. Tucker presents campus ghostlore from the mid-1960s to 2006, with special attention to stories told by twenty-first-century students through e-mail and instant messages. Her approach combines social, psychological, and cultural analysis, with close attention to students' own explanations of the significance of spectral phenomena. As metaphors of

disorder, insanity, and school The Folklore of Maine

spirit, college ghosts convey multiple meanings. Their colorful stories warn students about the dangers of overindulgence, as well as the pitfalls of potentially horrifying relationships.

Besides offering insight into students' initiation into campus life, college ghost stories make important statements about injustices suffered by Native Americans, African Americans, and others.

Children's Folklore: A Handbook