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From the Publisher

If you have ever tried to learn about amulets and talismans, you probably came across some of the same problems I did. Most authorities either describe the historical talismans or tell you how to invent your own. I always thought it would be great if a book looked at everything and was truly comprehensive. That's why I'm glad Llewellyn has published *The Complete Book of Amulets & Talismans* by Migene González-Wippler.

If you are interested in learning how to do real magic, this book is a resource you must have. Virtually every magical tradition uses amulets and talismans. Witches use them. Ceremonial magicians use them. Wiccans use them. Chaos magicians use them. Folk magicians use them. You should use them, too, and this book shows you exactly how to do that.

Do you need a talisman for health? How about one to obtain eloquence? Or perhaps you'd like one for honors, riches and prosperity? Instructions are here for the way to make and charge them. You'll learn how to incorporate astrology, Kabbalah, numerology, color, and much more into the making and charging of some of the most effective magical devices you've ever worked with.

But some of you reading this may not want to use amulets and talismans so much as learn about them and their history. No such anthropological and religious study can be complete without reference to this book. It not only gives information about the types of amulets and talismans used in contemporary and ancient cultures, but it also describes how they were used and the sources of the beliefs associated with them.

This book has it all — history and research, design and technique. This book is far more than just "complete." Perhaps we should have called it "ultimate." But whatever it's called, if you are interested in the history of talismans and amulets, or if you want to actively make and use your own, you must get this book.

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Migene Gonzalez-Wippler was born in Puerto Rico and has degrees in psychology and anthropology from the University of Puerto Rico and from Colombia University. She has worked as a science editor for the Interscience Division of John Wiley, the American Institute of Physics, and the American Museum of Natural History, and as an English editor for the United Nations in Vienna, where she lived for many years. She is a cultural anthropologist and lectures frequently at universities and other educational institutions.

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