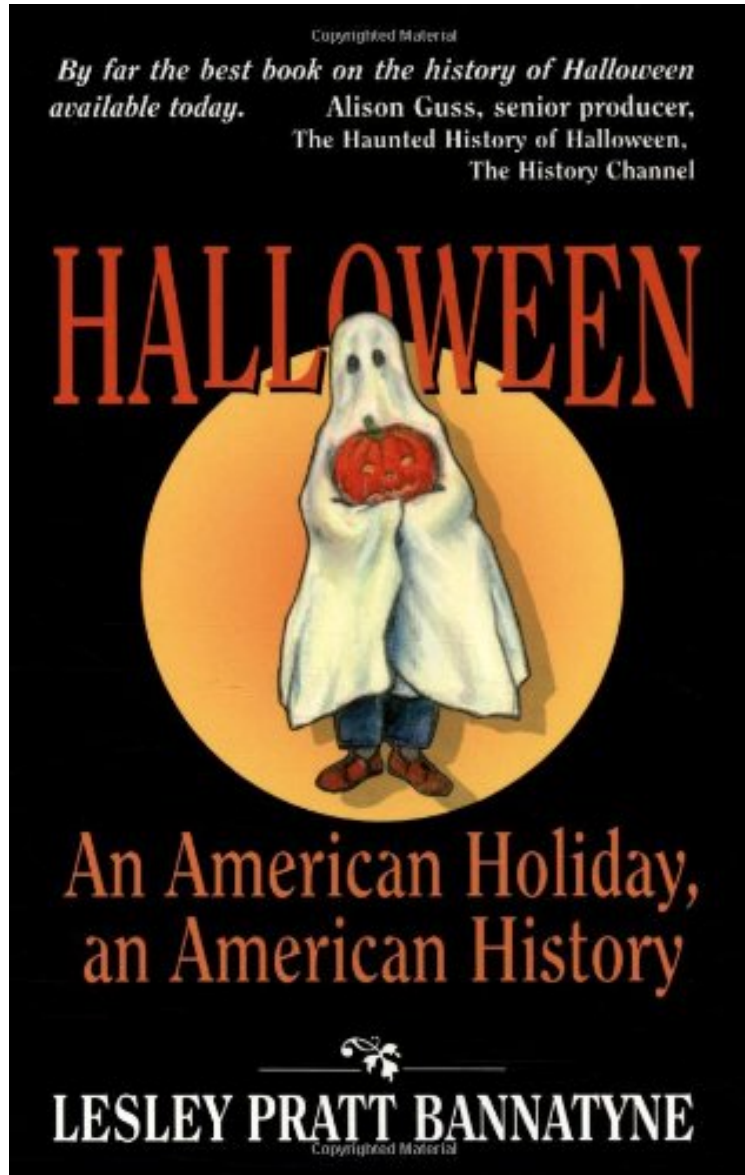


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going as fast as my little legs would carry me with my pillow case (yes, I was wearing the sheet) trick or treating Then it was off to the Halloween party that our neighborhood adults always put together. This was an all ages, family fun gathering Apple bobbing, costume contests and the whole nine yards 8^DThis book mentions the origin of the Dumb Supper. I remember my mother telling me that her grandmother told her about an attempt to celebrate a Dumb Supper. Most interesting. It confirms for me what my grandmother told me when I asked her where our family came from. She said "all I ever heard was 'old Black Arish' (hear Irish) ".Beside just being fun, I'm sure there's something specific for most of the nationalities that comprise our country.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. All you need to know about Halloween's originBy Jeffrey M. BrownLesley Bannatyne is an expert on matters Halloween, be they current or ancient. Last year, I read her very excellent and entertaining "Halloween Nation" and immediately added "Halloween: An American Holiday, an American History" to my Halloween season reading list. The book delves into the ancient origin of the holiday itself as well as the origins of customs (trick or treat, costumes, jack-o-lanterns, etc.) we presently associate with Halloween. Readers who generally eschew scholarly books need not worry; Bannatine's writing style is lively and never dry. I highly recommend this book to all who love Halloween--no matter how much you already know about it.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. and can highly recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about this ...By nightwindAfter having seen Ms. Bannatyne on The Haunted History of Halloween, I decided to read her book on the holiday. I found it informative and entertaining, and can highly recommend it to anyone interested in learning more about this fascinating tradition.

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"An excellent resource for research into the history of holidays . . . in the United States . . . Highly Recommended." --The Book ReportFrom the Back Cover"An excellent resource for research into the history of holidays . . . in the United States . . . Highly Recommended."--The Book Report"A well-documented discussion of the blending of traditions from the early days in Europe to present day America."--Library TalkHalloween, the fastest-growing holiday in the country, offers a unique window on American culture. This volume traces the history of Halloween celebrations from their earliest roots in the British Isles. It also explores the vital influences of the ethnic, religious, and occult heritages of the diverse peoples who settled in America.Related recipes, poems, songs, and crafts are all included in this, the only book that reveals the whole history of All Hallows' Eve in the United States.One of the nation's foremost authorities on Halloween, Lesley Pratt Bannatyne has shared her vast knowledge of the holiday in television specials for Nickelodeon and the History Channel. She is also co-director of the Studebaker Theater.About the AuthorOne of the nation's foremost authorities on Halloween, Lesley Pratt Bannatyne has shared her vast knowledge of the holiday in television specials for Nickelodeon and the History Channel. For more than twenty years, she also has been active in the theater. She currently is co-director of Invisible Cities Group and co-artistic director of the Studebaker Theater. Ms. Bannatyne resides in Medford, Massachusetts, and has been named one of Boston's 100 Interesting Women by Boston Woman magazine.