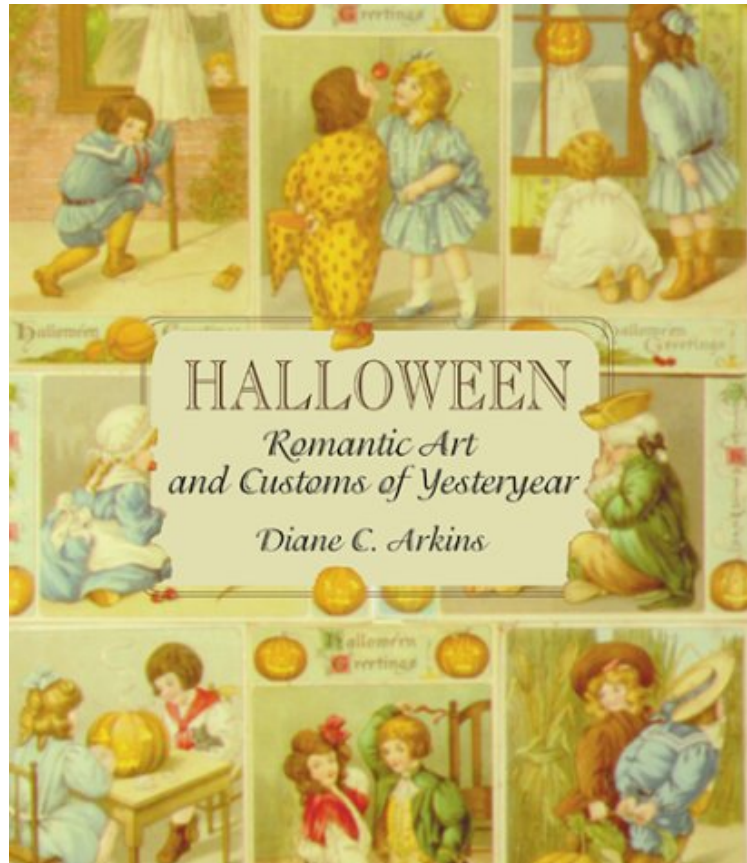


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful.By Linda W.Not quite as good as her second book: "Halloween Merrymaking," but still absolutely beautiful. The layouts and pictures of the Victoriana are crisp, clear and totally enchanting. There's only so much you can do with virtually the same poems and romantic prophesies, but who cares?10 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Halloween: Romantic Art and Customs Of Yesteryear Postcard BBy Joe HohmannWhen I first got this book, I flipped through it and thought,"hey,where's the 'wish list' postcards(Winsch,etc.)?". After I started reading it I realised that the postcards shown were perfect in illustrating the subject matter in each chapter. Also, the "reason" for some of the unusual images (cabbage people, etc.) I had seen on Halloween postcards became clear. A fun and informative book.0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. cute picturesBy avid reader U.S.This hardcover book is a little disappointing in the Halloween pictures it displays. I was hoping for larger and more colorful pictures.

The artful blend of informative narrative, old-fashioned poems, prose, and chants with eye-catching images of vintage ephemera and fanciful illustrations.

From the Inside FlapThe fastest-growing holiday in America, Halloween has not always been the night of ghoulish decorations, candy, and trick-or-treating we now know. Halloween celebrations of yesteryear were a time to peer into the future for love and marriage, fate and fortune. "From ancient times into the early decades of the twentieth century, this mystical occasion has been feted with quaint soothsaying rituals that bestowed fortune-telling properties on everything from the fruits of the harvest to items as ordinary as mirrors, vessels of water, and balls of yarn." Lavishly designed and printed postcards were also extremely popular, and were exchanged at every possible occasion, and Halloween was no exception. The aura of mystery and the vibrant images of glowing lanterns, will-o'-the-wisps, and mischievous creatures make these special mementos colorful standouts. **Halloween: Romantic Art and Customs of Yesteryear** is an artful blend of old-fashioned poems and prose, vivid images, and fanciful illustrations, and provides a unique window on American culture. This book is a superb resource for ideas to plan a celebration that reflects the joy of the harvest and the spirit of community. This book is also a must for readers interested in early-twentieth-century culture and ephemera. Diane C. Arkins is a journalist/freelance writer who has been published widely in national magazines and major metropolitan newspapers. She has many fond memories of Halloween and collects vintage holiday memorabilia. **From the Back Cover**Halloween is the fastest-growing holiday for adults in America. With haunted houses, trick-or-treating, and costumes ranging from television characters and political figures to vegetables and ghouls, October 31st has become a widely celebrated holiday. Halloween celebrations of yesteryear were occasions for hopeful romantics to try their fate in love, and were commemorated in rhymes, chants, trials, and tests. Many of the elements of these celebrations involved traditional fruits of the harvest--apples and pumpkins among them. This book is a superb resource for planning a Halloween celebration, with a number of fun and entertaining games included. The years from 1900 to 1918 are known to collectors as the "Golden Age of Postcards," and during this period, people sent postcards for any occasion, including Halloween. Many examples of the popular illustrated postcards from this era are included in this book. Admirers of early-twentieth-century style and romance will enjoy this engaging look at vintage Halloween postcards and the romantic traditions they depicted. **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.