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**First Last : HALLOWEEN** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised HALLOWEEN:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Not exactly what I was hoping for when I bought this By Colleen @ Here Be Bookwyrms "...I finished this book last night, and I have to say, I was kind of glad to be done with it. Not that it was a terrible book, because it wasn't. Not exactly. It was extremely informative, but it wasn't quite what I was expecting. Oxbrow really does take us WAY back, and one goal of his in writing this book was to help dispel some of the myths surrounding the origin of Halloween. I think he presents enough information to convince someone that they've been misinformed of the beginnings of this holiday, but the bulk of the text is mainly quotes and excerpts from the sources he used; there is comparatively little of the author's own narrative. I would have liked to read more about what he had to say, rather than reading his sources and then his opinion on the passage quoted. ..."For full review,

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Halloween, you'd not be surprised to know, is my favourite holiday. - J. K. Rowling. This startling book reveals the secret history of Halloween. Its findings are unexpected and occasionally controversial. Halloween was not the ""Celtic Festival of the Dead"" - far from the claims of druid sacrifice and blood rites, the feis of Samain was in fact marked by notorious revels of drinking and feasting. The dead were actually brought to 31st October by the later Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls. Ancient monuments including British standing stone circles and pyramids in Egypt and South America were aligned to the rising of the star constellation of the Pleiades - at October's end. The most famous of the Scottish witch trials centered on an alleged plot to assassinate King James VI, hatched at a Halloween night witches sabbat. Irish and Scottish customs and superstitions travelled with emigration to America. Halloween rites described in an 18th century poem by Robert Burns survived into 20th century America and today's trick or treating is an evolution of Scots guising. Halloween has its origins in Scotland. The huge success of the Harry Potter novels has coincided with the unprecedented rise in Halloween's popularity and the mainstream acceptance of modern witchcraft. All three have been attacked by the Fundamentalist Religious Right, which seeks to have them banned from American schools and communities.