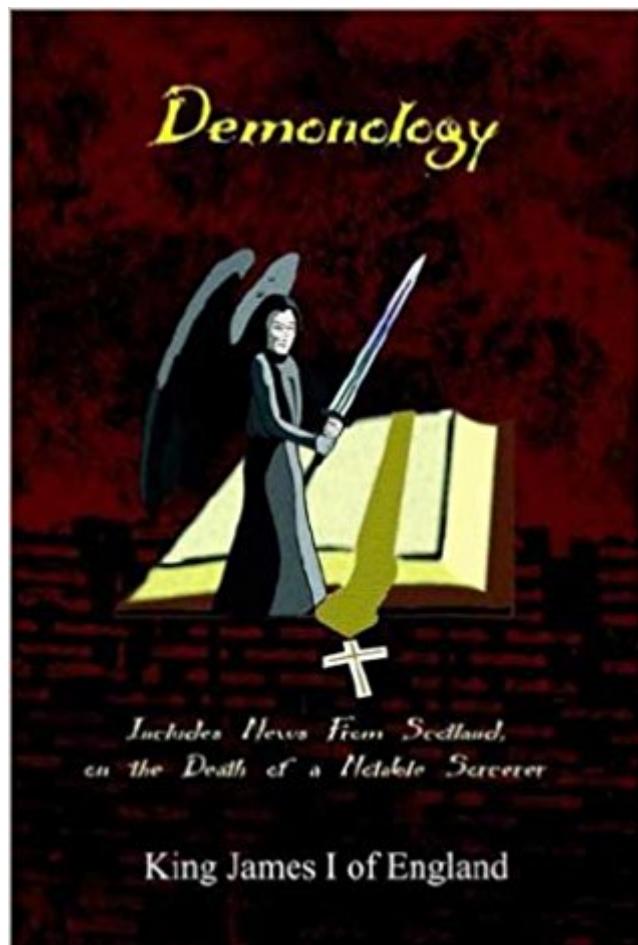


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# Demonology



## **Synopsis**

Although he did not know it at the time, the author of this book, King James, was to become one of the most influential people in mankind's religious history. He was responsible for the widely accepted King James Bible, based in part on the beliefs set forth in this book. Written directly by his own hand, it is shown that he believed himself to be an instrument of God. He believed in Satan and that his mission was to seek out and kill "witches" (the Devil's ministers). He was convinced that they had tried to cast spells and kill him on numerous occasions. This book provides the reader with an interesting psychological profile of this man -- revealing his mindset and the tactics used to hold sway over his people.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This text, from 1597, appears in the original old English so that its complete accuracy is preserved. An important historical book that reveals the effects of superstition (toward "witches") on an entire religion.

Interesting and somewhat critical short bio of King James appears in book's Introduction.

"Demonology" was written by King James I of England (formerly King James VI of Scotland) to defend his belief in the power of witches (and thereby justify their torture and execution). It's valuable as a historical record of a particular time and mindset, and could have benefitted from an

introduction written by someone with knowledge of the historical context. What it has is an introduction written by someone who needs to re-take high school world history. Never mind that he doesn't know what Old English actually was (hint: "Demonology" is not written in it); he also confuses Mary Stuart (mother of King James) with Mary Tudor, referring to her as "Bloody Mary." (He also apparently thinks that Mary Stuart was the Queen of England.) Buy the book, but if you're new to the study of this period, don't believe anything written in the introduction.

To anyone interested in social or theological history, I recommend highly this work

This printing of the King James "Demonology" consists of four main parts: Demonology Books 1-3, and News From Scotland. The entire book is written in old-english. It takes getting used to the old spelling of nearly every word, but once you figure out what is being said, the book is rather interesting. Demonology Books 1-3 are in a conversation format between two individuals: Philomathes and Epistemon. In these three books, Epistemon answers Philomathes questions regarding his odd and rather strict views on Magic, Sorcery, Witches, Demons, and mainly Satan. It's interesting to learn how people in the 1500's thought back then--many things in entertainment, educational, and medical fields which we see today that we consider normal were considered the work of the Devil back when this book was originally written. Epistemon comes across as single-mindedly arrogant, but interesting, nonetheless. The final part of the book the News from Scotland which is about how a handful of women and a doctor were tried, tortured, and some executed for the belief and fear that these individuals were witches--which, back then, anyone who did anything out of the norm was considered a witch (all witches were considered the Devil's disciples during that time). The first three books tell us what they thought of Satan, witches, ghosts, and demons during the 1500's and the last part shows us an example of what they did when they thought someone was a witch and how far they went to rid themselves of these individuals. This is a very interesting, educational, however very difficult read as it is in old english--spelling was rather different to how we spell things today. Once you get used to the spelling (which you may never do--some words are spelled so far off as to what we spell them now; and some words have multiple spellings--which makes it even more difficult to figure out). A very good, but rather difficult read.

First and foremost, on this particular page, the name listed as the author should be King James the First. If the name is any different, then the name is incorrect. This is the same man who had the Holy Bible translated into English and was King of England. This is a book written by a very famous

Christian and who we refer to when we refer to the King James Bible. This book is what historians call first source material. Such a book will generally be read only by scholars. But, it need be, not confined to scholars. Such a book can open our eyes to a different culture and we can learn from it. I should think it was written in Shakespeare's English and is technically modern English once removed from what we speak today. Old English or Anglo Saxon was spoken between 500 AD and 1200 AD. One other thing. This book, rather than showing how everyone in the 16th and 17th centuries believed in witchcraft, shows that many people in that time did not believe in witchcraft. King James I says so in the book itself when he says many people today doubt the existence of witches. Why would King James I of England, who we know best when we think of the King James Version of the Holy Bible, write a book trying to convince people that witches exist if everyone already believed witches exist? I am not suggesting anyone read this.

His "Version" of the Bible is no better.

I bought this a long time ago. I don't know what I was thinking. The book sucks. Religious propaganda. If you're interested or just fascinated by the dark side this book is written by religious fanatic. I personally do not believe that beings, entities, creatures, demons or what ever they might be are evil just because they are from the dark. We are all equal. All know good and are all capable of evil. Religion is brainwashing.

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