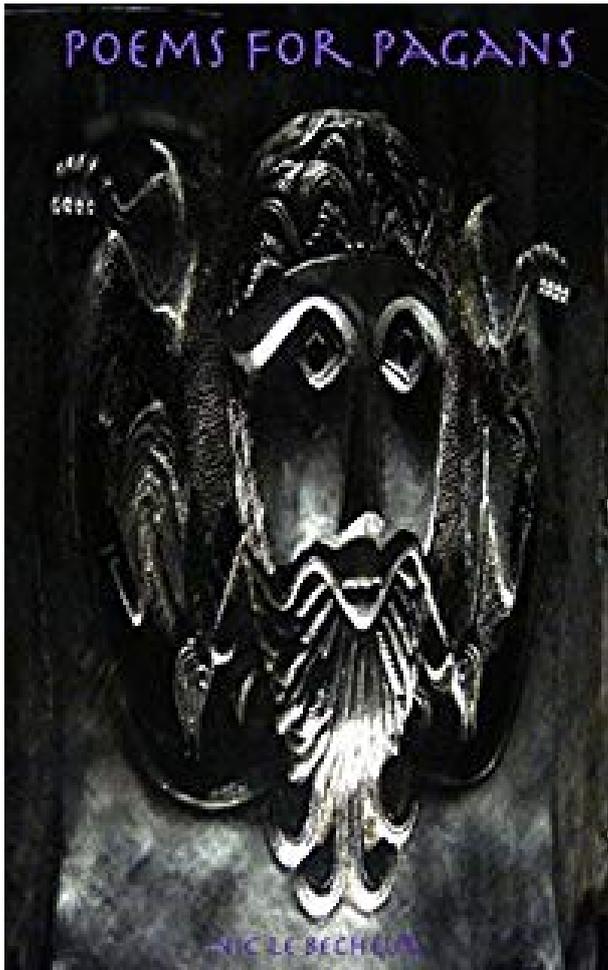


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I've called this edited collection of 28 poems written over a quarter century 'Poems for Pagans', only in the expectation that Pagans will be mainly the kind of people to whom it will appeal. But there is also an account of the crucifixion of Jesus in here of which any Ahmadi Muslim or fan of Mikhail Bulgakov would approve (don't say I didn't warn you). For me, spirituality has its funny side, and its dark side, too. If you disagree, this little book is not for you - the chances are, you'll be offended - but hey, I can live with that.

These verses satirise trying to be a pagan in the modern world, offer glimpses of what it might have been like in the old days, when you really didn't have much of a choice anyway, and they also offer a different slant on pagan spirituality that you might even find useful. I don't claim to be a pagan, though I've been called far worse things (I think 'Atheist' was the one that hurt most). The fact is, I believe in everything I possibly can. In order to be able to see the fabled Emerald City of Oz, I borrow a pair of green eyeglasses. To try and understand how our ancestors saw things, I borrow their belief systems. Seeing is believing, and the you believe in, the you get to see and the interesting Life becomes. This book is the first of several planned, so if you like my poetry already and the poems you like best aren't in here, have patience, and they will come. And the more copies of this book you buy, the quicker that will happen. Happy reading!