

# THE SECRET COMMONWEALTH OF ELVES, FAUNS AND FAIRIES FREE DOWNLOAD



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For the Pullman novel, see *The Fauns and Fairies Commonwealth*. About this item. The seventh son of a large family, The Secret Commonwealth of Elves was believed to have been gifted with second sight. Folklorist Stewart Sanderson and mythologist Marina Warner call Kirk's collection of supernatural tales one of the most important and significant works on the subject of fairies and second sight. This was an interesting quick read. The result is a book that is at once a wonder-filled compendium of supernatural delights and a neatly structured argument. Because: i such as live in the same air and see all other things as far off and as clearly, yet have not the second sight; ii a seer can give another person this sight transiently by putting his hand and foot in the posture he requires of him; iii the unsullied eyes of infants can naturally perceive no new unaccustomed objects but what appear to other men, unless exalted and clarified some way, *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves* Balaam's ass for a time Kirk's involvement in Bedell's Bible was at the request of his friend James Kirkwood a promoter of Scottish Gaelic literacy. Left in manuscript form upon the author's death in this volume was first published in at the behest of Sir Walter Scott. The only version of Kirk recently in print was converted to modern spelling, and it is unlikely that Lang's edition will be readily available to scholars and other interested individuals, unless it is reprinted. Therefore every age hath some secret left for its discovery, and who knows but this intercourse betwixt the two kinds of rational inhabitants of the same earth [humans and fairies] may be not only believed shortly but as freely entertained and as well known as now the art of navigation, printing, gunning, riding on saddles with stirrups, and the discoveries of microscopes which were sometimes as great a wonder and as hard to be believed. Search for all books with this author and title. Apr 20, Joel Zartman rated it it was amazing. Paperback or Softback. To see what your friends thought of this book, please sign up. Which I am. Lang's introduction to Kirk's extraordinary blend of science, religion, and superstition is included in this edition. Just a moment while we sign you in to your Goodreads account. To take advantage of all LARB has to offer, please create an account or log in before joining Isobel produced a son, Colin, who became a writer to the signet. May 12, K. Here, Kirk's treatise is accompanied by commentary written in by folklorist Andrew Lang that both *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves* Kirk's passion and wonders at his "savage metaphysics. I had to read this book for uni - it's a strange piece which I didn't particularly enjoy while I was reading it, but after reading some articles discussing the text, the author, and it's context, I definitely found it more interesting. *Fauns and Fairies* for telling us about the problem. I'll admit that I read it without chasing down the meaning of several words and concepts. The autograph copy is currently unaccounted for, and published editions rely on one or more of 4 known manuscript copies. Enlarge cover. Help us improve this page. In that case, we can't You know the saying: There's no time like the present *The Los Angeles Review of Books* is a c 3 nonprofit. Get A Copy. Love the archaic cast. William M. Folklore scholars consider *The Secret Commonwealth* one of the most important *Fauns and Fairies* authoritative works on fairy folk beliefs. An interesting historical artefact, documenting old Scottish beliefs about fairies, elves and other such spirits. There are some fascinating little anecdotes and some intimations of future theosophical conceptions of elemental *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves* but beyond that, it *Fauns and Fairies* not extraordinary except for the rarity of a serious mind defending the existence of such beings at that time. *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves* Day Delivery. Qwestbooks Philadelphia, PA, U. Description Kirk is a magnificent *The Secret Commonwealth of Elves* to set before any student of either folk-lore or folk-psychology. This is a seminal text exploited by many fantasy authors. Free 2-Day Shipping. This was the first complete 17th century text that I read that was in its original form and not transliterated into our modern script and edited into standardized English. It is quite famous for its rolling list it's been revamped and re-published numerous times of supernatural beings and the like, it even has a pre-Tolkien mention of hobbits! Seller Rating. After all, it is already a leap of faith to accept the doctrines of Christianity. For many years, *The Secret Commonwealth* was hard to find -- available, if at all, only in scholarly editions. Academicians as well as lovers of myths and legends will prize this authoritative but inexpensive edition. Want to Read Currently Reading Read. Do with that what you will. Booklot Philadelphia, PA, U. Manuscript La. Showing IN Robert Kirk compiled a study of the fairies and other spirits that he believed populated his remote corner of Scotland. Read more There are more copies of this book View all search results for this book. Book Description Condition: New. However, it is also remarkable that a Scottish minister should be so frank in his report of the nature of 17th Century beliefs, and give them a measured account, without contempt or disdain for the Elves, Fairies, Brownies and Spirits, or those who believe in them. The former was written by a clergyman trying to record some Scottish folklore and reconcile it with snippets of Biblical texts. About Robert Kirk. Reading all your "s" as "f" is a novel experience, but that and the rest of the old-timey language did affect my reading comprehension. New Quantity Available: 2. As a study of 17th-century folklore, this mysterious and remarkable text is fascinating.

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