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Love within your light,
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A book that contains as much learning as fun is a rare gem, and Hugin's book is a treasure you will certainly want to add to your collection. Part storybook and part songbook, *A Bard's Book of Pagan Songs* takes you on an adventure through the Mabinogion (a collection of Welsh tales of heroism and romance), celebrates the wheel of the year, and affirms the significance of the pagan heritage. These songs make an excellent accompaniment to festival celebrations, and they are a fun way to learn some of the important aspects of paganism. Hugin tells the story behind each song, followed by words and music so that playing them is as easy as picking up your guitar. The included CD gives a feel for how some of the songs could be played and showcases Hugin's considerable talent, which has earned him the title of bard. Be careful when you listen: Hugin's exuberance is contagious, and you may find yourself singing along or even dancing a jig. --*Brian Patterson*

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Hugin the Bard is a Musician who has performed with Pete Seeger and Country Joe McDonald. He is also a Wiccan Elder who belongs to the Morning Star Society of Native American Ceremonial Arts.

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