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Christine Wicker

Christine Wicker, former religion reporter for *The Dallas Morning News*, is the author of the highly acclaimed, national bestseller *Lily Dale: The Town That Talks to the Dead* and *Not In Kansas Anymore: Dark Arts, Sex Spells, Money Magic, and Other Things Your Neighbors Aren't Telling You*. *Publishers Weekly* says *Lily Dale* "is a portrait, not just of an upstate New York town built 122 years ago on old-fashioned spirituality, but also of the mediums who practice there, their clients, and Wicker herself, who lets details of her own spiritual beliefs lightly shade her travels to Lily Dale." Wicker uses *Lily Dale's* history to explore issues of faith and belief. In *Not In Kansas Anymore*, Wicker takes her readers on a tour from voodoo temples in New Orleans to witches' covens in Salem to a graveyard in north Florida. A peek at the strange content of Wicker's Web site, with its flying grey-haired lady in a rocker, a barking dog and the haunting sounds of ghosts, offers insight into the bizarre and uncanny world of religion and magic that Wicker likes to explore.

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