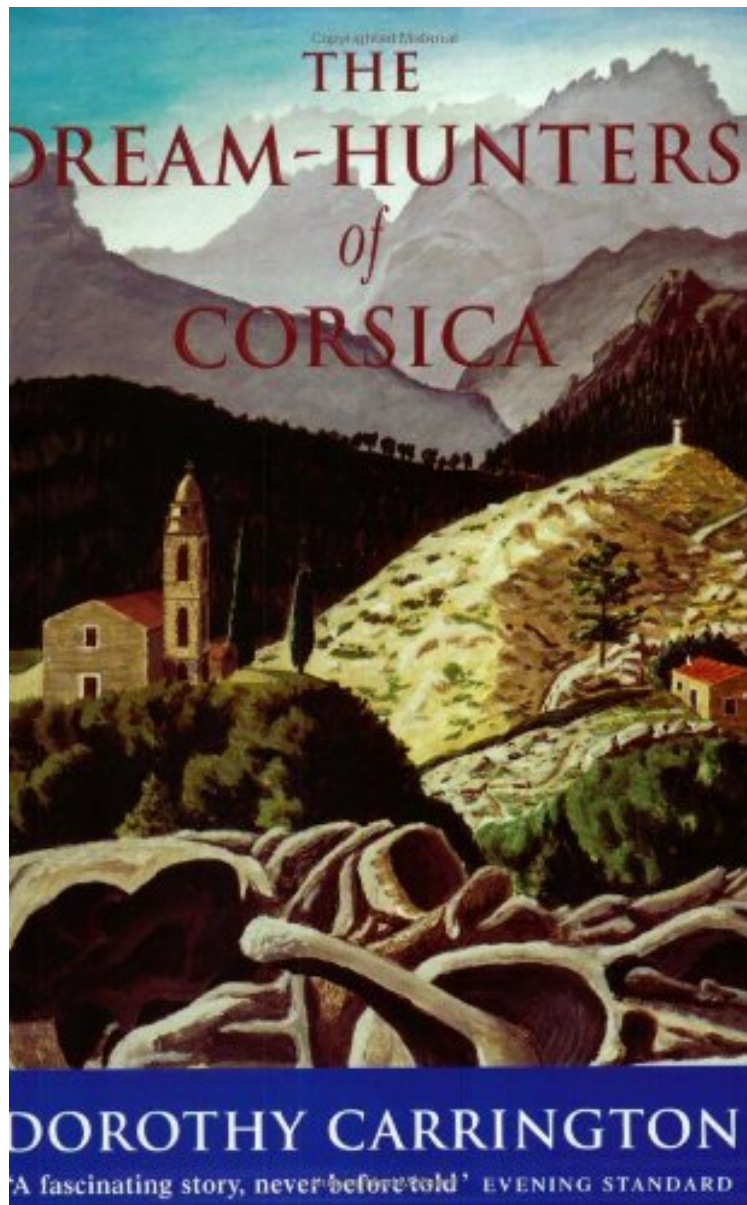


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Dorothy Carrington : The Dream-Hunters of Corsica before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Dream-Hunters of Corsica:

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of the esoteric traditions based in Corsica, which is now a province of France. Although we all may know that that's where Napoleon Bonaparte came from, I don't think many can claim any detailed knowledge about the island, and more specifically about the occult that this island nurtures on its soil. The mazzeri, or the dream-hunters are unlike the dreamers in the Eurasian or Mesoamerican traditions, they are not "dreamers-for-hire" nor are they part of any specialized organization. They simply complete "the call" and you would have to read the book to find out more about it. The history of the island has a lot to do with its special topography, which includes the marshes and the mountains, as well as low forests, the macchias. However, some, like mountains are considered favorable for human inhabitants, while others, such as the streams and the rivers are not considered a good thing, and are generally considered to inhabit evil influences. They are present in the world of the dream-hunters who sometimes complete their assignments near them, or other times receive specialized messages about someone's death, which is the only professional direction of the mazzeri's "work". Writer masterfully relates Catholicism that has become the dominant religion of the island to the independent attitude of its inhabitants. Although, it is present in the people's life, apparently deep down inside, the Corsican psyche is still susceptible towards the ancient winds that are brashly blowing through that rough terrain. Corsicans live out their past in the present, and while the future is dim, the past is clear, and they, for the most part are not looking to abandon it. The cult, if I could call it that way, of the dream-hunters is not as powerful now, as it was say in the end of the 19th century, but there are still people around who are walking at night, and depending on which way our civilization will turn, it will either come back to its fully-fledged ancient form, or will almost disappear all together. I sure hope it doesn't as the world would be at a loss without this very rare, and exquisite connection to the other civilization which dominated the island, and perhaps even the bigger part of the Earth many a millennia ago, of which the mazzeri could be a remnant. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Ancient beliefs explored By Kindle Customer A good description of the ancient occult beliefs and practices of the people of Corsica, and how those beliefs and practices correlate to others from around the world. 4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Unusual book By Margaret I found this book both enjoyable and useful for the research I am doing on Corsica and Napoleon. As a British woman who lived on Corsica for many years, the author has a unique perspective on the island. She is also a meticulous researcher.

The dream-hunters, or mazzeri, are unknown outside Corsica and probably date from pre-historic times. At night they go hunting-or dream they do so-and kill an animal, in whom they recognise a human face. The next day they announce the death, which always takes place within a year. Where the mazzeri are harbingers of death, the signadori are guardians of life-they practise folk medicine, but more importantly, they secure release from the curse of the Evil Eye. With characteristic elegance and clarity, Dorothy Carrington investigates these extraordinary phenomena, relics of past times peculiar to this wild, inhospitable land. THE DREAM HUNTERS OF CORSICA is a fascinating insight into a forgotten corner of civilisation where the occult has retained its everyday place as an explanation of the mysteries of life.

From Publishers Weekly Corsica's unique occult inheritance, descended from the Megalithic cult of the dead, is threatening to disappear. So says Carrington, whose *Granite Island: A Portrait of Corsica*, won the Heinemann Award in 1971, and who here speculates eloquently on that inheritance's decline in the wake of the island's prosperity following WWII. Although much of the material presented here dates from the 1950s, Carrington meets her aim?to define and set down the islander's waning beliefs. Discussed in particular are the ways of the mazzeri, whose dreams predict illness and death; the ways of the signadori, or guardians of village life; the ways of the benandanti, who act deliberately to ensure prosperity; and the Evil Eye, vampires and sorcery. Also covered is the island's fatalistic form of Christianity, in which free will has little place, since Corsicans believe, like the mazzeri, that lives are programmed from birth. This is an engaging and useful resource for travelers and folklorists. Photos; map. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Corsica is a complex, enigmatic, and thoroughly fascinating place, as presented here by Carrington, whose intimate understanding of its history and culture is possessed by few others. In 1948 she first ventured to the intriguing island, beginning an enduring connection to it and its people. But it was the period of the 1950s when Carrington gathered substantial material on the mazzeri "those who hunt and kill by night in dreams." The megalithic faith, pagan cults, Christianity, and occult practices all figure prominently in the customs and beliefs of Corsicans. Still, it is rather wondrous to partake of Carrington's awesome depth of knowledge as she reveals traditions and tales, leading readers to confront the dream-hunters that have so mesmerized the author herself. Alice Joyce