

The fascinating world of the merchant lords, warriors and druids



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They are shrouded in mystery as scarcely any other European people – the Celts. First they were respected as enterprising merchants and craftsmen, then later feared as barbarians. Wisdom and magic skills were attributed to their priests and druids.

Ralph Hauptmann has here written a well-researched account of the various periods of Celtic history, the reality of their daily life, how they lived and worked, their religious cults, their military conflicts and expansion and, in the final analysis, their inadequacies in the face of the Roman invaders.