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Nota di contenuto	The social background of witchcraft accusations in early modern Debrecen and Bihar County; Ildikó Sz. Kristóf -- Witchcraft, greed and revenge: The prosecutor activity of György Igyártó and the witch trials of Kolozsvár in the 1580s; László Pakó -- Healers in Hungarian witch trials; Gábor Klaniczay -- Divinatio diabolica and magical medicine. Healers, seers and diviners in early modern Nagybánya; Judit Kis-Halas -- Shamanism or witchcraft? The táltos before the tribunals; Éva Pócs -- The decriminalization of magic and the fight against superstitions in Hungary and Transylvania 1740-1848; Péter Tóth G -- Demonology and Catholic Enlightenment in eighteenth-century Hungary; Dániel

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Sommario/riassunto

This book provides a selection of studies on witchcraft and demonology by those involved in an interdisciplinary research group begun in Hungary thirty years ago. They examine urban and rural witchcraft conflicts from early modern times to the present, from a region hitherto rarely taken into consideration in witchcraft research. Special attention is given to healers, midwives, and cunning folk, including archaic sorcerer figures such as the *táltos*; whose ambivalent role is analysed in social, legal, medical and religious contexts. This volume examines how waves of persecution emerged and declined, and how witchcraft was decriminalised. Fascinating case-studies on vindictive witch-hunters, quarrelling neighbours, rivalling midwives, cunning shepherds, weather magician impostors, and exorcist Franciscan friars provide a colourful picture of Hungarian and Transylvanian folk beliefs and mythologies, as well as insights into historical and contemporary issues.
