

A Note on Moonchild by Grady L. McMurtry

MOONCHILD—Aleister Crowley
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Cyril Grey (Crowley), experimenting with magick, takes a girl to Naples to magically attract the spirit of Luna to incarnation in an embryo. Succeeds despite machinations of Big Bad "Black Lodge," ends by dropping the whole affair, becoming hero of British Army, and accepting the way of the Tao. Fails as a novel for many reasons.

Real characters in story:

Lavinia King (Isadora Duncan)

Lisa de Giuffria (Mary d'Este)

Amy Brough ()

Lavinia's brother (Raymond Duncan)

Blaustein (Will Rothenstein)

Monet-Knott (Hener-Skene)

Miss Badger (Gwendolen Otter)

Akbar Pasha (Elias Pasha)

Countess Helena Mottich (Tomschyk: Hon. Mrs.
Everard Fielding)

Sister Cybele (Leila Waddell)

Lord Antony Bowling (Hon. Everard Fielding)

Duke of Flint (Earl of Denbigh)

Mahathera Phang (Allan Bennett—Frater Iehi
Aour, later Bhikkho—& the Sayadaw—Ananda
Metteya)

Wake Morningside (Hereward Carrington)

Dr. Balloch (Dr. Berriage)

S.R.M.D.—Douglas (S. Liddell Mathers, "Count
MacGregor of Glenstrae")

wife of Douglas (Moira, "painted **very** badly")

famous professor at the Sorbonne (Prof. Henri Bergson)
Arthwait (Arthur Edward Waite) Abdul Bey (Veli Bey, son of Elias Pasha; actually a rascally adventurer)
Gates (W. B. Yeats)
Roger Blunt (Roy something—I suspect he was a manager of E. F.'s)
blackmailing articles (*The Looking Glass*, *John Bull*, etc.)
Dr. Victor Vesquit (Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, coroner, W. London)
Hampden Road (Camden Road)
Palladists (see A. E. Waite's rubbish *Devil Worship in France*)
p. 178: special goat (the grimoirs say "cum que puella conabuerit")
Cremers (brains behind Mabel Collins' plot to "expose" H. P. Blavatsky; some success)
p. 204: genuine (the Bible; New Testament)
p. 209: (the Phalles)
Butcher (Plummer)
"A. B." (Annie Besant)
Mrs. Doughnut (Hereward Carrington's #2—or #3?—wife)
General Cripps (French)
Sir Edward (Grey)
chez Zizi ("Jaja"; Jane Cheron)
her English journalist (Walter Duranty)
Becasseux (Cailleux)
souls presented to Lisa (Georges Sand, Chopin, Joseph Smith, Ludwig II of Bavaria, Marie Antoinette, Byron, Tolstoi, Tschaikowsky, Kipling, T. H. Huxley, Strauss, Swinburne, Blake, Keats)
Simon Iff (Dr. Reuss?)