

SPELL BOOK

It is getting to me in the head
CAST OFF YOUR HEAD
my heart hurts
YOU DON'T NEED A HEART
I am losing myself
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME
it is all in the mix
is that all you've got
we can give you more
a shower works wonder at washing the filth away
am I casting spells
or am I warding off demons
countering the spells that have been cast on me
over me
that wasn't me
it was the fire that was talking
I thought'd be nice
I'm not nice
not anymore
one last go
before I can't go anymore
I don't let it
TOUCH
me
I don't let it affect me
COUNTER
SPELL
like a wash cloth
wash away
what ails you
inside or out
this is a book with all the answers
it tells you how to form the questions
what to say
what to say to people
how to make yourself more pleasant
what did you think
don't just stand there
what did you think
you've got what it takes
clean those boots of yours
how long can I make it look good
make it look good

feel good
here's the words
here's the pennies
here's sunshine
feel it like this
you really do enjoy
making yourself small
like a spell
like a voice
I can't feel it
you have to go deeper if there is any hope of this touching me
maybe cast a spell
get this one down
time and trouble
trouble and pain
I can't worry what you believe
about what I believe
he believes
what does he believe about spells
about spells
the more that believe
the more that are believable
HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD
scream
HOW TO MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD FAR AWAY
say something lasting
noise maker
there is nothing that is lasting
only lasting for now
or retrospectively
could have been lasting for a long time
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO THIS
or how to undo this
we are who we are
responding to what is going on around us
it would take some kind of spell
to really change the boundaries
to shake up the this and the that
what you're telling me is that there are no spells
there are spells
it's just that you're not getting them
or they're not getting to me?
it is all getting to me in its own way
SPELL # 1
HOW TO GET TO YOU

how do you cast a spell that will affect a non-believer
if you believe
in the nether form
it is all the same
the psychic currents travel from passenger to passenger
do you have a ticket
for the express
what can I affect
what can I make more perfect
take this
swallow this
close your eyes
get comfortable
think pleasant thoughts
none of this will hurt

What kind of mind thinks about things like this? This is like a horror movie come to life. Are you afraid to step on unknown ground. Does life make you very afraid?

I don't mind you describing the childhood of Little Bear
but I really don't want to hear the life story of Momma and Pappa Bear
that isn't what I signed up for
you're looking for a spell to wash away history
that can be done

it is going to take a lot of forgetting potion
you will have to swallow it all and keep it down
can't you just talk about happy things
once there was a girl and she just kept getting in messes
what about a guy

I've been trying to talk about this guy

SPELL #2

MAKING HIM GO AWAY

FOR GOOD

gone from the earth

no

just gone from your mind

can't be done

as me if I have forgotten

and I only remember him again

SPELL #3

MAKING QUESTIONS GO AWAY

is that the final spell

will spells still affect me after that

spells arise in the tangling of stories with each other

is that how it all went down

pretty soon

that me

who has haunted all these places
will just
go away
and all that will be left
is this me who casts the spells
there is a revelation that you have to fear
something that comes from the sky
what is it
oh, my, my
it comes
from the sky
she is not
the image
the image she is not
getting there
and stopping
you won't be able to push past
here
this is your paradise

SPELL # 4

HOW TO GET OUT OF HERE PERMANENTLY

this is going to take more than walking
walk walk walk away
I believed that this was a suitable time to
catch up
between imagining it
and actually doing it
I can feel this chasm
I am holding on for dear life
grip tighter
you have a lot of strength left in you
you will not hurt yourself
I will not let them hurt you

SPELL # 5

HOW NOT TO GET HURT

show no heart
show only heart when you are moving ahead
tell me your story
no heart
show me what you can do
no heart
show me love
no heart
why can't you show love in return
I changed my hair for you

I gave you all my time
what more do you want
I want your soul
SPELL #6
HOW TO STEAL HIS SOUL
toil and trouble
trial and rubble
take his soul
on the double
really
is that all that it takes to catch a soul
it takes a lot less
a lot less
but neither of us is really keeping track
we are trackless
I got over the worst thing that could have ever happened to me, but now, you are dealing me this
card.
ALL ACES!
Either all living
or all dead!
They are all dead!
Living dead!
I am showing up
where you are showing up
up and down
making history
by only making history
do you know
know what that means
how to kowtow
how to go in single file
how to say no
when you want to say
YES YES YES
grisly discovery
did you do this
my spells
someone in the house
you have gone way further
than words could ever go
just words
words for the just
speaker volume
speaker privilege
speak or forever hold your speech

I am not your speech
OK, preach
OK
AOK
we are on the same wavelength
going down in the same boat
all in the struggle for sameness
she gave so much of herself
I need to take some of that back
is there a spell to get the best part of myself back
KNOCK KNOCK
who's there
kids knocking on the door and running away again
there's a car outside
someone is waiting to come in
come on in
all of you
let's just say
that he's coming for you
looking for you
what other kind of spells can you
CAST
forecast
anticipate
being in the right place at the wrong time
or vice versa
what are you looking for
hiding something
and finding it later as if it is some kind of magic
SOUNDS LIKE
MAGIC
looks like
magic
must be
something that you made up in your head
and here is it
is
I found it in the world
that is all that it takes
the witch
or the warlock
or the wonder
one who is great with his words
or phenomenal with her deeds
can move so quickly

I say that you better snap it up while you can
or you better take your time while you can
or you better save your pennies for a rainy day
call in a consultant
what can you do
times are different
words are different
what we are promising is different
I used to think that there was more to it
watching out
watch out
or weeping like a willow tree
they are taking a long time to get it down
if it takes that long it's more like chemistry
than alchemy
any kind of reaction will do
don't think about it
don't feel impressed
just go boom
BOOM!
And then they were gone
see how the sun sets in this place
it is going down
they are all going down
BOOM!
something really weird goes on here after dark
did you see that hole
the burial ground
that's silly
they have been planting potatoes
how do you plant a potato
how do you plant anything
find a place to dig
and then dig deeper
that is my intention
to dig
and dig
deeper
do you two work together
I don't even see how
you could think of fantastic things like that
you have to look fantastic
learn the technique
how to trace a circle
how to take your half

I then the other half
always the other half
scare them off
get them off the trail
and then
TAKE IT
then
then
then
dig deeper
do you know what I am digging
the foundation to a house?
Let's stop at the digging stories
how long are they going to stay here
and what the hell are they really up to
what are you doing back there
doing magical things with words
you should try it
I am doing something magical with my body
you should try it
with you?
You could dig me deeper
more words
more spells
I took more and more words
and more than that
I am glad that I didn't wait for any of you
you said that you'd be here earlier
you sat in your car
should we go in
do you really like it
will you take it
how soon before you can be out
GET OUT
cast spells
cast out the demons
OUT OUT
DEMONS GO HOME
if you believe in such things
like trying to cast out shadows
you are depending on the angle of the light
bringing things to life
belief
candy for everyone
it used to be that you could open the bag without breaking it

just cut off the tie
now they it is too tight
you have to cut the bag
things don't stay as fresh
I AM HERE TO STAY
you need to leave me alone
what are you going to do about it
cast a spell on you
what movie are you in
one that begins and ends in a short period of time
he is coming for you
you tried to be a nice guy
went overboard with nice
killing with kindness
color by numbers
doing as little as you can
until you become a number
the noises
that make the spells go
like tones on the piano
I am afraid that it is all going to end like that
is this based on a true story
do you think that you can hide something like this
everything can be hidden
you are going to have to take this as a
MAN
take it as you have given it
you are such a giving person
this is what you have turned me into
men turned into pigs
pigs turned into men
an old story
it's in your nature
do you have any idea where this is headed
don't want to lose your head
hang on to your hat
is that all that I have to be worried about
there are a millions places that you can go hide
you really are an evil person
I guess that it is in your nature
what do you mean
as long as you're having a good time
it's all fun and games
I don't see
why you've hung on so long

'cause I'm not holding my breath
BREATHE
do you have a spell that allows me to breathe on my own
breathe
take it for what it is
now is my turn to take
just take whatever is left
you know how fast it all goes
goes out
good by
time to get out
I need another spell
to take a spell
I love how the place looks
need to get out on my own
get out while the getting is going
the fourth day in a row
the fourth row in a day
twisting and turning with time
what am I supposed to do
look at the options
and pick the worst one remember
the worst witch is the best witch
I am getting so confused with my role
I can look really good in the morning
if you want mornings to look really grand
how were you hired
with your name
use your name
does that mean that I am fired
you are still going to get paid
but you do have to leave
leave my place?
for now
you do have to go
all of you have to go
you all have to leave
humiliated
as it is
you are all humiliated
as it is
for now
leave my place
what do you want
no one owes you anything

some mumbo jumbo that you call magic
are you crazy
it is collected in a book
great
a book of craziness
that doesn't make it worth anything more
I think that we are getting somewhere