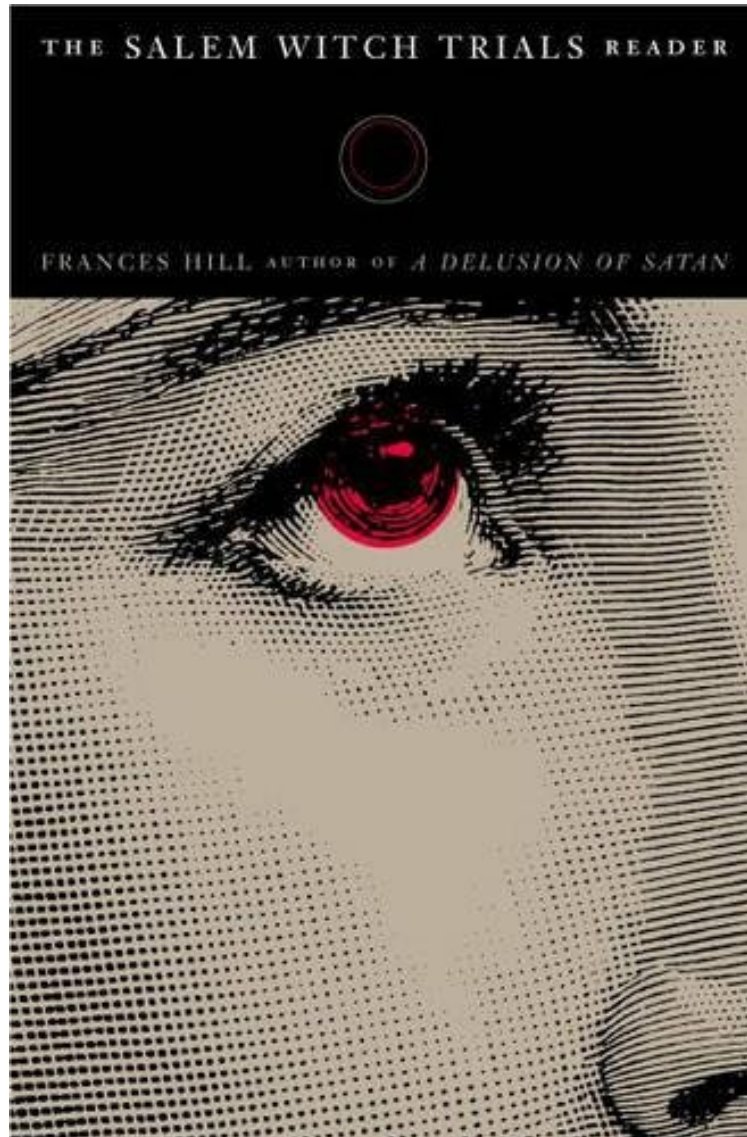


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About the Author Frances Hill is an accomplished journalist and novelist whose previous book on the Salem witch trials, *A Delusion of Satan*, was called "carefully researched and compelling" by Karen Armstrong, the author of *A History of God*. She lives in London.