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Braveheart. Junior Joey Frasier stands a top a ladder while decorating for the prom. Some student still believed that walking under a ladder would bring bad luck.

Ignorant Beliefs?

A superstition is defined as "a belief or practice generally regarded as irrational and as resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, or trust in magic or chance." What actually makes good luck charms, such as horseshoes, rabbits' feet, coins, locketts and religious medals bring good fortune or ward off evil? What brings on bad luck to the person who had a black cat cross his path, who opened an umbrella inside, or who walked under a ladder? What is so unlucky about the number 13?

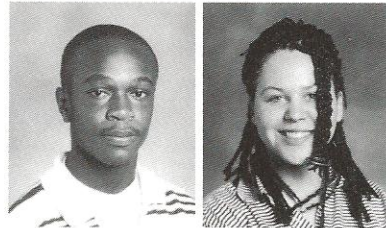
Those are just some general, most commonly accepted superstitions. What is or is not superstitious is different from person to person. Everyone believes different things, so what is superstitious to one person can be a true belief to another.

But why do people believe in such things?

"I had two pairs of boxer shorts. I would wear one pair during marching season and we would win," said Debbie Driggers, a sophomore clarinet player. "The other would make us lose. I wore the wrong pair during the state competition, and you know how that turned out!"

— Amanda Combs

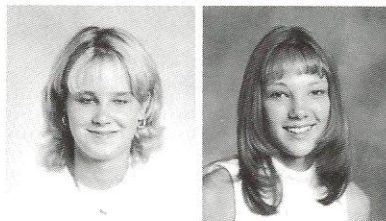
Fit for a Broomstick. Black cats had long been regarded as bad omens if they crossed someone's path. However, most students did not accept this belief.



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