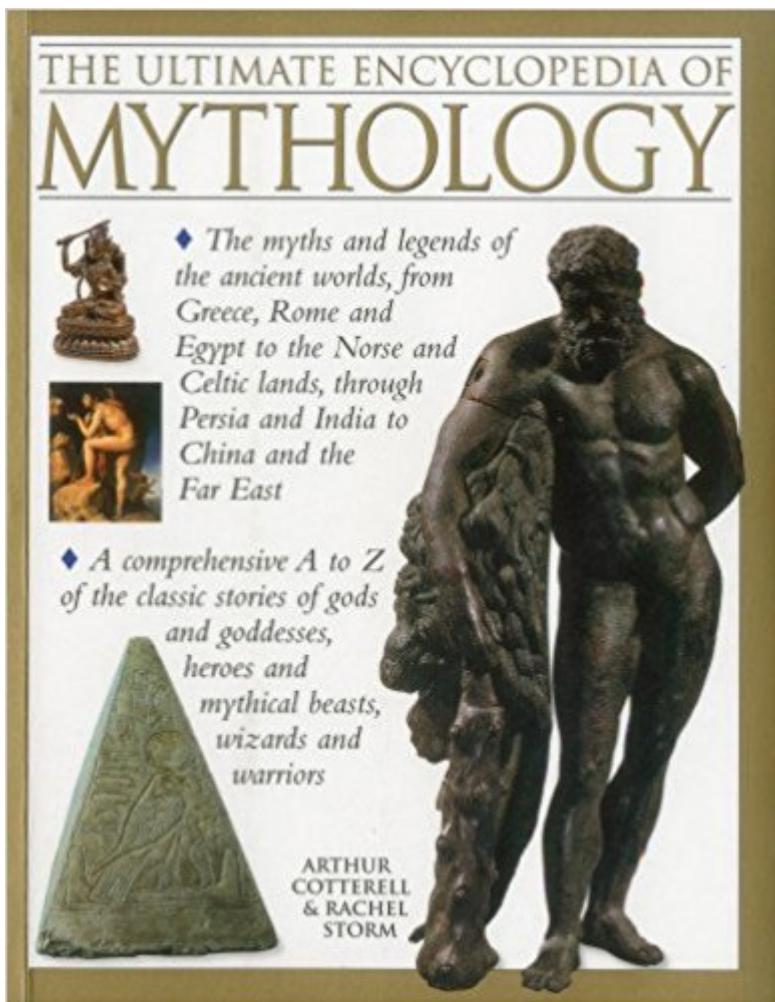


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The Ultimate Encyclopedia Of Mythology: The Myths And Legends Of The Ancient Worlds, From Greece, Rome And Egypt To The Norse And Celtic Lands, Through Persia And India To China And The Far East





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In the first half, author Arthur Cotterell describes the central mythical figures of classical Greece and Rome, the Celtic heroes and the Nordic gods. In the second part, author Rachel Storm expertly leads us through the powerful pantheon of gods and goddesses of the East from Ancient Egypt through Central Asia, to the dragon festivals of eastern lands. Pictorial features focus on recurring mythological themes, including heroes, oracles and prophecies. This comprehensive A-Z guide is timeless in its universal appeal.

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Arthur Cotterell has lectured and written widely on the mythologies and ancient civilizations of the world. He is Principal of Kingston College in London, and author of the best-selling Dictionary of World Mythology, as well as books on the civilizations of East Asia. Rachel Storm is a journalist and author specializing in religion, alternative religion and spirituality. Her works include In Search of Heaven and The Sacred Sea. She has written introductions to several books on mythology.

Great pictures sure, articles are weak. Maybe 3 paragraphs at most per subject. As to flood myths, they skipped the following Greek's: the flood of Ogyges, the flood of Deucalion, and the flood of Dardanus. The book also didn't have Rome's Concordia, or Pomona. tsk tsk... I ended up buying 4 more books to make up for this poor excuse of a picture book.

This book is wonderfully illustrated (the illustrations is what makes this book worth getting alone) and does touch briefly on each of the minor legends (too briefly for some, Bastet's information was far too brief). I believe that there could have been more information provided on the worship of the gods and goddesses than what is here (some of the rituals can be quite fascinating). The one area that this "Ultimate Encyclopedia" falls down on though is that it doesn't include any of the mythology from the Americas, Africa (outside of Egypt), Australian Aborigines or the Polynesian cultures; I could have been a bit more generous in my rating had these been included. Leaving three continents untouched along with the island cultures fails to make this the "Ultimate".

It's a great read for those who want to about the majority of the old world myths. Unless you are looking for Sub-Saharan, Australian Aboriginal, Polynesian, AmerIndian and Inuit & Tungusic myths, then you are out of lot. But it filled with a lot of great art both from the past and more modern. If you love studying myths, it's a good start.

Lots of info in such a small book.

Bought this for my 11 yr old son for Christmas. He thought there was only one kind of mythology, he was thrilled to see there were so many. Very informative for my little nerd, :)

This originally came out in format probably twice the size. This reduced size version has the text too small. Otherwise a great, richly illustrated book.

wish it was the hardcover, larger print version that I used to have, but great condition and will enjoy it

Arrived in timely matter very satisfied

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