**Mythology and Culture Worldwide**

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Provide a detailed look at the mythology of the Mayan civilization, explaining how the beliefs, values, and experiences of the Mayans are represented in its valued tales. Covering Mayan creation stories; myths of cultural heroes such as the Hero Twins; the malevolent spirits of the underworld Xilbaba; the gods of maize, rain and wind; and more, *Mayan Mythology* provides a fascinating look at this ancient world.


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Explore the connections between Rome's ancient myths and its culture, explaining how cultural beliefs, values, and experiences are represented in the treasured stories of its founding fathers and the champions who fought for the survival of Rome. Myths of Aeneas, Romulus and Remus, the Six Brave Brothers, Horatius, Coriolanus and Volumnia, Cloelia and others are explored in detail.

Greek Mythology

Provide a detailed look at Greek mythology, drawing connections between ancient Greek culture and its myths, and explaining how the beliefs, values and experiences of the ancient Greeks are represented in the stories of gods, demi-gods, monsters and heroes.


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Explore the mythology of Native America in detail, drawing connections between Native American culture and its myths, and explaining how the beliefs, values and experience of this culture are represented in its historical tales. Includes coverage of earth diver and origin stories, myths of culture heroes, nature deities, spirits, tricksters, and more.


Norse Mythology

Explore how the beliefs, values, and experiences of the ancient Norse culture are reflected and represented in its mythology, including creation stories, god myths, frost giants, hero and villain stories, and much more.


Persian Mythology

Explore ancient Persia’s culture and myths, explaining how the beliefs, values, and experiences of its culture are represented in stories and mythological figures. Highlights of the volume include a look at Yima, the “Good Shepherd” who saved the world; Zarathustra, perhaps the most famous Persian-Zoroastrian figure; and the Avesta, the main source of many Persian myths and legends.


British Mythology

Explore Great Britain’s culture and myths, as well as the beliefs, values, and experiences represented in its stories and mythological figures. Discover the settlement of Britain by the Celts and the influence of the Roman invasion; pre-Christian myths, such as Beowulf and Cuchulain; the Arthurian cycle; the adventures of Robin Hood; and the survival of British myth in literary tradition.


Babylonian Mythology

Draw connections between the ancient Babylonian culture and its myths, and explore how cultural beliefs, values, and experiences are represented in its treasured stories. Detailed coverage is supplemented with a map of ancient Mesopotamia; a family tree of the major gods; a table of major characters with name pronunciations and brief descriptions; and more.


Egyptian Mythology

Explore the vast and complex world of ancient Egyptian mythology, as well as the beliefs, values, and experiences that shaped it. Examine Egyptian social and religious culture; the cosmos creation myths, such as the legend of Nun and the Eight Gods of Middle Egypt; the relationship between worship and magic; the stories of Osiris and Isis; and the legacy of Egypt’s ancient gods.