

Encyclopedia Mythologica Fairies And Magical Creatures

What made Athena furious with a local weaver that she transformed her into Greek mythology's first spider woman, Arachne? What is the tall tale behind Filipino folklore's sea serpent Bakunawa, who flies through the night skies devouring moons? What is the symbolism behind French folktale's infamous night rider, Cheval Mallet? We have all been exposed to a mythological beast in one form or another. Whether it is the three headed guard dog Fluffy in J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series, or even the story of Smaug in J.R.R. Tolkien's Middle Earth in *The Hobbit*; all these pop culture mythical creatures have a deep connection to the mythologies and folktales of ancient cultures. Where did they come from? What relevance do they serve in mythology? Why are some so obscure, while others become pop-culture enigmas? Get the answer to these questions, and learn about beasts from different world cultures. Folklorist Zayden Stone dives deep into the stories of these magical beasts and provides a fictional anecdote, a retelling of the original myths, an analysis of the symbolism and relevance of the creatures, and then pairs it with some beautiful black and white illustrations reimagined by artist Herdhian. In the *Mythical Creatures and Mythological Beasts* book, the illustrated guide takes you through six themes that have been specifically chosen since they are consistent across cultures. The categories include: arthropods for insects, crustaceans, and arachnids; avian for birds; canines for wolves and dogs; serpents for snakes and dragons; ungulates for hooved animals like horses and cows; and aquatic for water dwelling beasts. Presenting the creatures in categories makes it easier to see what the beasts have in common. You will find some overlapping themes across ancient cultures that point to universal ideas in how humans perceive the world. If you wonder where your favorite creature is, you will probably find them within these pages, even if they do not have their own chapter. For example, the ever-popular Pegasus can be found in the tale of the Gorgon sisters. He also had a half-brother, Arion, who features in the ungulates section. There is also a brilliant white-winged horse from Islamic tradition which may sound very familiar to Pegasus as well. If you have a love for the myths and want to learn about the unique beasts that dwell within them, this book is a great way to do it. Not only will you learn about ones you may have never heard of, but you will also be able to draw parallels between cultures and see how they interpreted their surroundings through stories of mythical creatures and magical beasts. Presents six mythical monsters and dragons from different cultures, including such figures as Medusa, Kraken. and Bigfoot, in a text with pop-up illustrations. Introducing the first concept book in the new Pop Magic series, an exciting line of preschool books from pop-up wizard Matthew Reinhart that makes learning fun! A stunning, hands-on exploration of colors for the very youngest readers! Pull a

tab so yellow ducklings pop up to the surface of the pond, lift a flap to reveal a blue whale, and open the final spread for a big pop-up rainbow surprise! Bestselling paper engineer Matthew Reinhart brings his creative genius to this innovative preschool pop-up, connecting basic concepts to interactive elements that will delight and inform little ones with every page.

Children can choose their favorite pet with this rhyming pop-up book.

A thorough reference to the many deities, magical beings, mythical places, and ancient customs of the Norse and Germanic regions of Europe • Explores the legends and origins of well-known gods and figures such as Odin, Thor, Krampus, and the Valkyries, as well as a broad range of magical beings such as the Elf King, the Lorelei, the Perchten, dwarves, trolls, and giants • Draws upon a wealth of well-known and rare sources, such as the Poetic Edda and The Deeds of the Danes by Saxo Grammaticus • Examines folktales, myths, and magical beliefs from Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway, Iceland, and England The legends of the Norse and Germanic regions of Europe--spanning from Germany and Austria across Scandinavia to Iceland and England--include a broad range of mythical characters and places, from Odin and Thor, to berserkers and Valhalla, to the Valkyries and Krampus. In this encyclopedia, Claude Lecouteux explores the origins, connections, and tales behind many gods, goddesses, magical beings, rituals, folk customs, and mythical places of Norse and Germanic tradition. More than a reference to the Aesir and the Vanir pantheons, this encyclopedia draws upon a wealth of well-known and rare sources, such as the Poetic Edda, the Saga of Ynglingar by Snorri Sturluson, and The Deeds of the Danes by Saxo Grammaticus. Beyond the famous and infamous Norse gods and goddesses, Lecouteux also provides information on lesser-known figures from ancient Germanic pagan tradition such as the Elf King, the Lorelei, the Perchten, land spirits, fairies, dwarves, trolls, goblins, bogeymen, giants, and many other beings who roam the wild, as well as lengthy articles on well-known figures and events such as Siegfried (Sigurd in Norse) and Ragnarök. The author describes the worship of the elements and trees, details many magical rituals, and shares wild folktales from ancient Europe, such as the strange adventure of Peter Schlemihl and the tale of the Cursed Huntsman. He also dispels the false beliefs that have arisen from the Nazi hijacking of Germanic mythology and from its longtime suppression by Christianity. Complete with rare illustrations and information from obscure sources appearing for the first time in English, this detailed reference work represents an excellent resource for scholars and those seeking to reconnect to their pagan pasts and restore the old religion.

Fairies have been revered and feared, sometimes simultaneously, throughout recorded history. This encyclopedia of concise entries, from the A-senee-ki-waku of northeastern North America to the Zips of Central America and Mexico, includes more than 2,500 individual beings and species of fairy and nature spirits from a wide range of mythologies and religions from all over the globe.

A guide to the Star Wars universe describes characters, vehicles, organizations, and the Force, in a volume that includes pop-ups, side flaps, and working light sabers.

Enter the enchanting world of mythical creatures and explore the history behind them in this beautifully illustrated compendium for kids aged 7 to 9. You'll meet an incredible cast of mind-boggling fictional animals from all around the world. Say hello to Bigfoot in the forests of North America and learn about the Native American traditions that inspired its story. Voyage to Japan to meet kitsune, supernatural nine-tailed foxes that can turn into humans. And jump onboard an ancient storm-battered ship to learn why mermaids were the last thing a sailor wanted to see... Learn about the societies that spawned these legendary creatures, from Ancient Greece to the indigenous tribes of Australia, and find out what the beasts tell us about the people who created them. From narwhal tusks inspiring the legend of unicorns, to dinosaur bones creating rumours of dragons, there is an interesting story behind every magical beast. *Mythical Beasts and Magical Creatures* tells you everything you need to know about supernatural animals great and small. Perfect for fans of Harry Potter and other fantasy tales, this is the only kids' e-guide to magical creatures that tells you the history behind the mythology.

Using pop-up illustrations and fold out pages introduces some of the largest, and smallest, prehistoric animals.

The creators of the New York Times best-selling *Encyclopedia Prehistorica* series offer a mythic look at the mysteries of the past with an entire pantheon of remarkable pop-ups. (Age 5 and up) For all of recorded history, humans have sought to understand Earth's mysteries in the realm of the divine -- and aspired to conduct themselves as heroes. Only gods, of course, could push the sun across the sky, forge entire continents, and impel mountains to touch the clouds. In this stunning volume, the incomparable team of Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda take us to Ra-Atum's land in Ancient Egypt; above the Grecian clouds to Zeus's Mount Olympus; up to Norse god Odin's frozen north; to the Far East, where the Jade Emperor sits in the heavens; into the wilds of Oceania, where Pele's volcanic rage simmers below the earth; and to many more lands and times, all rich with sacred myths and legends.

With a single kiss, a young maid saves her beloved from the Snow Queen's icy imprisonment. When splinters from an evil troll's magic mirror get into the heart and eye of Kai, he is tricked into accompanying the Snow Queen to her palace, and only the innocence and kindness of Gerda's heart can save him. The inspiration for *Frozen*, Hans Christian's Andersen's "The Snow Queen" is one of the most beloved fairy tales in history. HarperPerennialClassics brings great works of literature to life in digital format, upholding the highest standards in ebook production and celebrating reading in all its forms. Look for more titles in the HarperPerennial Classics collection to build your digital library.

The first ever LEGO(R) pop-up book! Matthew Reinhart creates another spectacular pop-up book, this time telling the LEGO(R) story with equal amounts facts, fun, and adventure! Packed with a variety of features- pop-ups, pull tabs, turning wheels and more, this "fun-formative" book will be a delight for both LEGO(R) and pop-up fans alike.

Presents an introduction to the faerie world, examples of thirty-one faerie species such as boggarts, goblins, sprites and pixies, and instructions on how to prepare for faerie investigations.

Provides readers of all ages with a colorful tour of medieval castles through detailed pop-up

diagrams with informative and factual text about their construction, inhabitants, and the era in which they were used.

From controversial cryptozoologist and explorer Dr. Veronica Wigberht-Blackwater, *The Compendium of Magical Beasts* is a definitive field guide that explores the history, biology, and anatomy of mythological creatures. Approaching the fantastic with a scientific eye, Dr. Wigberht-Blackwater explains the history, habits, and biology of each creature's existence with equal attention to detail. Her research is accompanied by stunning scientific illustrations of each specimen's anatomy, providing a comprehensive view of creatures most often dismissed as pure fantasy. Combining biological fact with folklore, cultural studies, and history, this volume is crucial to science both fringe and mainstream. Locked in a dusty attic for almost a century, Dr. Wigberht-Blackwater's trailblazing work was recently discovered by writer Melissa Brinks, who spent months transcribing the journals she found. Brinks joined forces with artist Lily Seika Jones to digitize the doctor's amazingly detailed anatomical diagrams in order to share these revolutionary findings with the world for the first time. *The Bestiary: Mermaid, Unicorn, Wild Man, Gnome, Werewolf, Troll, Fairy, Jackalope, Winged Horse, Centaur, Minotaur, Vampire, Dragon, Sea Monsters/Loch Ness/Kraken, Goblin, Sphinx, Phoenix, Harpy, Cyclops, Banshee, Incubus/Succubus, Nymph, Ghoul, Selkie, Kelpie*

The kings of pop-up return with the magical new *Encyclopedia Mythologica* series! In the first of a thrilling new pop-up trilogy, the masterminds behind the phenomenal *Encyclopedia Prehistorica* explore the characters of magic and myth with glittering special effects. Fairies take to the air on fluttering wings, while pixies, gnomes, goblins and trolls career across the pages. Peer through the windows of the Elven Castle to see the magical interior and marvel at the enchanted tree and transforming flowers. Unicorns, griffins, merfolk and other fantastical beasts from all around the world are also covered in this breath-taking start to the series. After mysteriously receiving a copy of an old manuscript, an archeologist sets off around the world to photograph and document the existence of a variety of fairies.

Starring the timeless characters that have made the Disney Princess films a treasured part of pop culture and animation history, this visually stunning volume is packed with intricately designed pop-ups, transformative scenes, and many other surprises. With state-of-the-art paper engineering and beautifully rendered illustrations, *Disney Princess: A Magical Pop-Up World* brings these castles and characters brilliantly to life, capturing the magical worlds that have enthralled audiences for decades. This collectible piece of Disney Princess magic spans eleven films and princesses, including fan-favorites such as Belle, Snow White, Ariel, and Rapunzel. Through twenty-seven pop-ups and transformative scenes, the key moments from these beloved films leap from the page, and the accompanying text makes this book a wonderful interactive reading experience that families will treasure. Join Cinderella as she transforms for the ball, Jasmine as she embarks on a magic carpet ride, Aurora as she pricks her finger on Maleficent's spinning wheel and is saved by her prince, and Merida as she bravely fights to decide her own destiny. The ultimate pop-up for collectors, Disney fans, and kids of all ages, *Disney Princess: A Magical Pop-Up World* is an indispensable celebration of these enduring characters, stories, and fairy tales. Enter the World of Spirits! *The Encyclopedia of Spirits* is a comprehensive and entertaining A to Z of spirits from around this world and the next. Within these

pages meet love goddesses and disease demons, guardians of children and guardians of cadavers. Discover Celtic goddesses and goddesses of the Kabbalah, female Buddhas, African Powers, Dragon Ladies, White Ladies, Black Madonnas, the Green Man, the Green Fairy, lots and lots of ghosts, djinn, mermaids, fairies, and more. From the beneficent to the mischievous, working with these spirits can bring good fortune, lasting love, health, fertility, revenge, and relief. Discover: The true identities of over one thousand spirits (as well as their likes and dislikes) How to communicate with specific spirits for your own benefit How to recognize these spirits when they manifest themselves The mythological and historical events associated with specific spirits The colors, days, numbers, and astrological signs associated with specific spirits The Encyclopedia of Spirits also provides an overview of the role of spirit communication throughout history and a general guide to working with spirits. No matter what your life's problems or desires, this book can guide you to the right spirits who can help fulfill your dreams. For the spiritual adept, the amateur, or the simply curious, the Encyclopedia of Spirits will inform, inspire, and delight. Choose your faction, pick your weapon, and prepare for an astonishing vision of the world of Azeroth like you've never seen before! Built by best-selling paper engineer Matthew Reinhardt, the World of Warcraft Pop- Up Book brings the most well-loved locations of Warcraft to life, from the classic faction hubs of Ogrimmar and Stormwind, to the battle-scarred lands of Lordaeron and Teldrassil, and more! Each page unfolds into an eye-popping treat, depicting iconic locations with brand new art and interactive pieces. Unfold each individual spread to form a map of Azeroth!

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming.

Follows a princess through her busy day, during which she puts on her crown, feeds her unicorn, selects a party dress, and hosts a gathering of friends.

The first half of this volume is devoted to the various species of elves, a species that has existed since the dawn of time. These creatures flourish in both the daytime and the nighttime, undoubtedly the most complex and mysterious species of the fairy world. Some of them are well-known like Sylphs, Selkies and Will-o'-the- Wisps, while other more obscure elves are revealed here for the first time. The second half leads us through a vast variety of the invisible and sometimes frightening creatures who haunt hollow and attic, forest and ocean. If you already knew about Goblins, Gnomes, Sprites, Imps, and Brownies, this book helps you discover dozens of regional and local varieties of magical creatures as well - some of them can even be found in your own attic or garden! As a result of twenty years of patient research, the author, Pierre Dubois, has created portraits of hundreds of species. For each one, he wrote a tale starting from authentic anecdotes, spiced with spirited humor. An identification sheet presents the appearance of each variety, its morals, manners, and habits; its

food and clothing; and the places and countries where they might be found. The illustrations of Roland Sabatier portray each strange and wonderful creature and the marvels and mysteries of the habitats they live in.

Terrifying tales and perilous pop-ups at their finest! We all know the stories--or do we? We know who Snow White is, but what about Rapunzel? Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm were well-known nineteenth-century German storytellers, academics, linguists, and cultural researchers who did not hold back in their telling of terrifying tales, including parables and fables designed to teach and entertain readers of all ages. And now, with specially designed pop-ups, each story comes to life! * This elegant and enchantingly illustrated edition is great for adults with a childlike sense of wonder. * The Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales contains eight unabridged stories of enlightenment complete with spooky pop-ups. * Included are "Cinderella (Aschenputtel)," "The Frog Prince," "Hansel and Gretel," "Little Red Cap," "Rapunzel," "Sleeping Beauty," "The Six Swans," and "Snow White." The Illustrated Grimm's Fairy Tales is perfect for the short story lover, and offers many entertaining tales to delight--and fright--literature lovers.

Following the record-shattering successes of Marvel's The Avengers in 2012, The Avengers must reassemble on the big screen to combat the robotic menace of Ultron! Marvel's Avengers: Age of Ultron is set for US release on May 1, 2015. Acclaimed writer/director Joss Whedon and producer Kevin Feige return, along with the all-star cast of Robert Downey Jr. (Tony Stark/Iron Man), Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Mark Ruffalo (Bruce Banner/Hulk), Chris Evans (Steve Rogers/Captain America), Scarlett Johansson (Natasha Romanoff/Black Widow) and Jeremy Renner (Clint Barton/Hawkeye). They are joined by Emmy Award- winner James Spader as Ultron, as well as Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Elizabeth Olsen as Quicksilver and Scarlet Witch. © 2015 Marvel

Mythical creatures are cultural artifacts--creations of the human imagination from all around the world. From terrifying monsters to sacred mystical beasts, weird-looking humanoids, magical birds, and many other fantastic beings, the mythological creatures in this book are sure to enchant and amaze! Discover myths and legends spanning from ancient times to modern day from every corner of the globe. Learn the cultural origins of 240 different mythical creatures, captured in ten chapters and 100 colorful illustrations. You will find terrifying bogey monsters as well as benevolent guardians. Meet creatures that symbolize obstacles to overcome, ones that explain the occurrence of disease, some that ward away evil, and others that were created simply for amusement. Explore mythology from the Middle East, Africa, India, Japan, Mexico, Europe, Polynesia, and beyond. This guide is a ticket to travel the world and discover its strangest magical beasts from the safety of your own home

A pop-up book featuring a pastry shop filled with cookies includes such special effects as acetate stained glass and silver sparkles

Journey into the mysterious world under the sea as 3-D pop-ups swing off the page, bringing to life whales, dolphins, angler fish, and much more! Filled with stunning art and interesting facts about various oceanic zones--such as coral reefs, the frozen sea, the deep sea, and much more--Lucio and Meera Santoro take readers on an interactive and imaginative journey deep beneath the surface of the blue sea!

Stories have been told on every continent since the dawn of time, and some have lasted for thousands of years, becoming what we know today as myths. These fantastical tales educate and fascinate by creating amazing worlds and inhabiting them with wondrous feats of heroics and dastardly deeds of evil. Children's Book of Mythical Beasts and Magical Monsters gives

children the opportunity to discover these stories, and encourages them to understand storytelling from different cultures.

"...breathtaking glimpse into the world of fairy lore and marvelous magic, featuring more than thirty unique and stunning pop-ups."--Cover back.

Master paper engineers beguile readers with beetles in this pop-up handbook with six vibrant pops. Full color.

From unicorns and trolls to werewolves and griffins, this comprehensive guide is the key to discovering every magical creature from myth, folklore and legend around the world.

English translation of sixty-three tales from the Grimm's Kinder- und Hausmärchen, including the classic Rapunzel, Hansel and Gretel, Little Red Riding Hood, Tom Thumb, and Rumpelstiltskin.

An illustrated encyclopedia of Greek mythology like no other, Mythologica features startlingly beautiful and exquisitely otherworldly portraits of mythological characters in eye-popping color from artist Victoria Topping and authoritative text from Classics scholar and Greek mythology expert Dr. Stephen Kershaw. Uncover the colorful lives of 50 powerful gods and goddesses, earth-dwelling mortals, and terrifying monsters as you journey back in time to ancient Greece. From the fearless Athena and her meddling ways to the brave and bold Odysseus and his remarkable journey home, discover why these incredible stories are still a part of our culture today. Listed alphabetically, each boldly designed spread presents a figure from the myths, including their name in Greek, their defining attributes, and a summary of their story, along with multiple sidelights that provide additional facts. Interspersed with the profiles are summaries of famous mythological tales and historical events, like the Odyssey, the Trojan War, and the story of the Argonauts. An electrifying visual portrayal of each figure transports you directly into their wild world. Victoria Topping's artwork is a fusion of technological and traditional techniques that combines photography, painting, and cut-paper collage to perfectly express the blending of human and fantastic traits from which mythical beings are made. The thrilling images and digestible text provide the perfect introduction to the lively world of Greek mythology. Prepare to be amazed as you uncover the epic, heroic, and sometimes terrible lives of mortals, monsters, and gods.

A 3D masterpiece celebrating Harry Potter's Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry from New York Times best-selling pop-up engineer Matthew Reinhart. Harry Potter: A Pop-Up Guide to Hogwarts is an exhilarating, interactive guide to the iconic school of witchcraft and wizardry. This book features spectacular pop-up re-creations of key locations inside and outside Hogwarts castle, and it opens flat to form a pop-up map of the castle and its grounds - including the Quidditch pitch, the Forbidden Forest, and beyond. In addition to large pops on each spread, numerous mini-pops will bring to life beloved elements from the Harry Potter films, such as the Marauder's Map and the Flying Ford Anglia. Each pop will include insightful text about Hogwarts as seen in the films, making for a must-have collectible for fans of the Wizarding World.

Introducing Pop Magic, an innovative line of preschool books from pop-up wizard Matthew Reinhart that makes learning fun! Follow a firefighter through a busy day at the fire station. Lift the flaps to open the fire truck doors and peek inside, help a crew member put on his protective gear, and unfold the ladder to help the firefighters save the day. When the story is over, follow simple instructions to transform the pages of the book into a three-dimensional fire truck! There's so much to discover in this stunning

interactive board book from Matthew Reinhart--his very first book for the preschool market!

An abridged retelling of the creation of a monster that develops a mind of its own and resents its creator, scientist Victor Frankenstein.

From the West African fable of Anansi the Spider, to Tanuki, the sweet but troublesome racoon-dog of Japanese folklore, this encyclopedia of mythical creatures covers legends, tales, and myths from around the world.

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