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*Greek Mythology* OUP Oxford

Greek Mythology is the body of myths and teachings that belong to the ancient Greeks, concerning their gods and heroes, the nature of the world, and the origins and significance of their own cult and ritual practices. It was a part of the religion in ancient Greece. The Greeks were polytheistic in their religious beliefs. Polytheistic means they believed in and worshiped many different gods. Modern scholars refer to and study the myths in an attempt to shed light on the religious and political institutions of Ancient Greece and its civilization, and to gain understanding of the nature of myth-making itself. In Greek Mythology, the gods often represented different forms of nature. Their religion/mythology had no formal structure with the exception of various festivals held in honor of the gods. There was no sacred book or code of conduct to live by. The most powerful Greek gods were known as the Olympians. The Greeks believed the Olympians lived on the highest mountain in Greece, Mount Olympus. The Olympian gods included: Zeus, Hera, Apollo, Aphrodite, Ares, Artemis, Athena, Demeter, Hades, Hermes, Hephaestus, Poseidon and Hestia or later she was replaced in some lists by Dionysus. Greek Mythology is explicitly embodied in a large collection of narratives, and implicitly in Greek representational arts, such as vase-paintings and votive gifts. Greek myth attempts to explain the origins of the world, and details the lives and adventures of a wide variety of gods, goddesses, heroes, heroines and mythological creatures. These accounts initially were disseminated in an oral-poetic tradition; today the Greek myths are known primarily from Greek literature. The oldest known Greek literary sources, Homer's epic poems Iliad and Odyssey, focus on the Trojan War and its aftermath. Scroll to the top of the page and click Add To Cart to read more about this extraordinary chapter of history.

**The Library of Greek Mythology**

Bantam

Building on the best-selling tradition of previous editions, *Classical Mythology*, Eighth Edition, is the most comprehensive survey of classical mythology available in one volume. Featuring the authors' clear and extensive translations of original sources, it brings to life the myths and legends of Greece and Rome in a lucid and engaging style. The text contains a wide variety of faithfully translated passages from Greek and Latin sources, including Homer, Hesiod, all the Homeric Hymns, Pindar, Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Herodotus, Plato, Lucian, Lucretius, Vergil, Ovid, and Seneca. The authors incorporate a dynamic combination of poetic narratives and enlightening commentary to make the myths come alive for students. Offering historical and cultural background on the myths--including evidence from art and archaeology--they also provide ample interpretative material and examine the enduring survival of classical mythology and its influence in the fields of art, literature, music, dance, and film. *Classical Mythology*, Eighth Edition, enables students to explore the fascinating nature of Greek and Roman gods, goddesses, heroes, and heroines, and to appreciate the most significant ancient sources of classical myths and legends. The book is beautifully enhanced by 22 color plates and 160 black and white illustrations with lucid explanatory captions, as well as maps, a glossary, a companion website, and an instructor's manual. *Classical Mythology*, Eighth Edition, has been updated and revised to reflect recent scholarship, featuring:

- The most recent results of excavations at Troy
- Expanded discussions of Asclepius, Antigone, and Orestes
- Many new text boxes including those on Homer, Hesiod, and the worship of Artemis at Brauron
- A new chapter (25) on Ovid's treatment of classical mythology
- Incorporation of local legends--for example, the myth of Bellerophon--in relevant myths and sagas (these legends, located in the former Chapter 25 in the previous edition, have now been distributed throughout the book where they best fit)
- An improved art program, with new images, better-quality reproductions, and improved

maps

Numbering of lines for all translations, for easy reference

Improved indexes and updated bibliographies

An improved and updated companion website, including images and maps

An instructor's manual and test bank (available for the first time)

**Classical Mythology** Psychology Press  
This is a new release of the original 1929 edition.

*Classical Mythology* Oxford University Press, USA

Travel back to a time when divine beings mixed with mortals, when heroes battled sorcerers, and nature was a mysterious realm ruled by beautiful and dangerous deities. From the legends of Hercules and the Titans, to tales of the underworld and the destruction of Troy, these enduring myths have formed a major part of Western culture for millennia and continue to capture our imaginations today. Beautifully illustrated with dramatic scenes from master artists of the 16th through to the 19th century, this elegant collection contains more than 40 fascinating tales retold by a variety of expert storytellers.

*A Handbook of Greek Mythology* Black Dog & Leventhal

For courses in Classical Mythology in Classics, English, or other departments. Comprehensive and scholarly, this well-designed and class-tested text presents Greek and Roman myths in a lively and easy-to-read manner. It features fresh translations, numerous illustrations (ancient and modern) of classical myths and legends, and commentary that emphasizes the anthropological, historical, religious, sociological, and economic contexts in which the myths were told. It also provides a cultural context so that students can see how mythology has influenced the world and how it continues to influence society today.

**The Dictionary of Classical Mythology** Routledge

*Classical Mythology in English Literature* brings together a range of English versions of three classical myths. It allows students to explore the ways in which they have been reinterpreted and reinvented by writers throughout history. Beginning with a concise introduction to the principle Greco-Roman gods and heroes, the

anthology then focuses on three stories: \* Orpheus, the great musician and his quest to free his wife Eurydice from death \* Venus and Adonis, the love goddess and the beautiful youth she loved \* Pygmalion, the master sculptor who fell in love with his creation. Each section begins with the classical sources and ends with contemporary versions, showing how each myth has been used/abused or appropriated since its origins

**Classical Mythology in English Literature** OUP Oxford

The first anthology to present the entire range of ancient Greek and Roman stories—from myths and fairy tales to jokes. Captured centaurs and satyrs, talking animals, people who suddenly change sex, men who give birth, the temporarily insane and the permanently thick-witted, delicate sensualists, incompetent seers, a woman who remembers too much, a man who cannot laugh—these are just some of the colorful characters who feature in the unforgettable stories that ancient Greeks and Romans told in their daily lives.

Together they created an incredibly rich body of popular oral stories that include, but range well beyond, mythology—from heroic legends, fairy tales, and fables to ghost stories, urban legends, and jokes.

*Classical Mythology* Xist Publishing

"Classical Mythology offers newcomers and long-time enthusiasts new ways to navigate the world of Greek and Roman myths, beginning by exploring the landscapes where the myths are set. It then provides a richly detailed timeline of mythic episodes from the origin of the cosmos to the end of the Heroic Age—plus an illustrated mythological dictionary listing significant characters, places, events, objects, and concepts."—Provided by publisher.

*Greek Legends and Stories* Princeton University Press

An introduction to the mythological world of the Greeks and the Romans, combined with a chronology of myths and a dictionary of key characters, objects, and events. Handbook of Classical Mythology offers newcomers and long-time enthusiasts new ways to navigate the world of Greek and Roman myths. Written by a foremost mythologist, the book begins by exploring the sources and landscapes from which the myths emerged. It then provides a richly detailed timeline of mythic episodes from the creation of the cosmos to the end of the Heroic Age—plus an illustrated mythological dictionary listing every significant character, place, event, and object. Whether exploring the world that gave rise to ancient mythology or

researching a specific piece of the whole, the handbook is the best introduction available to the extraordinary cast of these tales (gods, nymphs, satyrs, monsters, heroes) and the natural and supernatural stages upon which their fates are played out.

*Classical Mythology* Lorenz Books

Jenny March's acclaimed Dictionary of Classical Mythology, first published in 1998 but long out of print, has been extensively revised and expanded including a completely new set of beautiful line-drawing illustrations for this Oxbow edition. It is a comprehensive A–Z guide to Greek and Roman mythology. All major myths, legends and fables are here, including gods and goddesses, heroes and villains, dangerous women, legendary creatures and monsters. Characters such as Achilles and Odysseus have extensive entries, as do epic journeys and heroic quests, like that of Jason and the Argonauts to win the Golden Fleece, all alongside a plethora of information on the creation of the cosmos, the many metamorphoses of gods and humans, and the Trojan War, plus more minor figures—nymphs, seers, kings, rivers, to name but a few. In this superbly authoritative work the myths are brilliantly retold, along with any major variants, and with extensive translations from ancient authors that give life to the narratives and a sense of the vibrant cultures that shaped the development of classical myth. The 172 illustrations give visual immediacy to the words, by showing how ancient artists perceived their gods and heroes. The impact of myths on ancient art is also explored, as is and their influence in the postclassical arts, emphasising the ongoing inspiration afforded by the ancient myths. Also included are two maps of the ancient world, a list of the ancient sources and their chronology, the more important genealogies, and an index of recurrent mythical motifs.

*A Handbook of Greek Mythology, Including Its Extension to Rome* Arcturus Publishing

A beautifully illustrated, wonderfully engaging A-to-Z guide to more than 700 major and minor gods and goddesses, characters, creatures, and places of classical Greek and Roman mythology. *Classical Mythology A-to-Z* is a comprehensive and engrossing guide to Greek and Roman mythology. Written by Annette Giesecke, PhD, Professor of Classics and Chair of Ancient Greek and Roman Studies at the University of Delaware, this brilliant reference offers clear explanations of every character and locale, and captures the essence of these timeless tales. From the gods and

goddesses of Mount Olympus and the heroes of the Trojan War to the nymphs, monsters, and other mythical creatures that populate these ancient stories, Giesecke recounts, with clarity and energy, the details of more than 700 characters and places. Each definition includes cross-references to related characters, locations, and myths, as well their equivalent in Roman mythology and cult. In addition to being an important standalone work, *Classical Mythology A-to-Z* is also written, designed, and illustrated to serve as an essential companion to the bestselling illustrated 75th-anniversary edition of *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton, including 10 full-color plates and 2-color illustrations throughout by artist Jim Tierney.

*A Handbook to the Reception of Classical Mythology* Oxford University Press, USA

The central figures of classical mythology are described by expert Arthur Cotterell in *Classical Mythology* with wit and authority, and ancient legends are re-told as spell-binding narratives that offer intriguing insight into accounts of past ages. The myths of the Classical world have inspired generations of painters and poets, and this beautiful encyclopedia is illustrated with a wealth of imagery created over a period of fifteen centuries; both fine art paintings and specially-commissioned contemporary works adorn these fascinating tales.

*Classical Myths and Legends in the Middle Ages and Renaissance* Bloomsbury Publishing USA

This is an engaging introduction which explores the latest thinking about Classical mythology, the history of interpreting myths and the role of myths in cultural tradition, from painting to opera, philosophy, politics, drama, and religion in the modern day. It answers such questions as what are ancient myths and who invented them where do gods come from what makes a hero how is Classical myth used in the modern world and what approaches are there to the study of myth? Featuring further reading and case studies from antiquity to the modern day, this is an essential introduction to the myths which have been a fundamental part of Western culture throughout history.

*Classical Mythology* Barnes & Noble Publishing

His book provides a brief description of almost fifty classical and medieval Greek myths and legends, including the beginnings of the World and the coming of Man, and the stories of the Argonauts, Perseus, Oedipus, the Trojan War and the Odyssey amongst many others. Intended as an introduction to Greek mythology for younger readers, the stories are illustrated

by scenes from Greek art."Amazon."

**Classical Myth: Pearson New International Edition** John Wiley & Sons  
For courses in Classical Mythology in Classics, English, or other departments. Comprehensive and scholarly, this well-designed and class-tested text presents Greek and Roman myths in a lively and easy-to-read manner. It features fresh translations, numerous illustrations (ancient and modern) of classical myths and legends, and commentary that emphasizes the anthropological, historical, religious, sociological, and economic contexts in which the myths were told. It also provides a cultural context so that students can see how mythology has influenced the world and how it continues to influence society today.

Classical Mythology Routledge

From Zeus and Europa, to Diana, Pan, and Prometheus, the myths of ancient Greece and Rome seem to exert a timeless power over us. But what do those myths represent, and why are they so enduringly fascinating? Why do they seem to be such a potent way of talking about our selves, our origins, and our desires? This imaginative and stimulating Very Short Introduction goes beyond a simple retelling of the stories to explore the rich history and diverse interpretations of classical myths. It is a wide-ranging account, examining how classical myths are used and understood in both high art and popular culture, taking the reader from the temples of Crete to skyscrapers in New York, and finding classical myths in a variety of unexpected places: from arabic poetry and Hollywood films, to psychoanalysis, the bible, and New Age spiritualism. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**Classical Mythology: A Very Short Introduction** New York Review of Books  
"This new edition introduces the core elements of ancient Greek and Roman narratives about immortal gods and heroic humans. It explains how myths once shaped ancient ways of thinking, and how they have fascinated and inspired artists, writers, musicians, scientists, and scholars since. In six clear and concise chapters, this book explains what myths are, sketches the main stories about divinities, heroes and heroines, and explores through specific case studies the ways in which

they influenced modern culture, from Renaissance opera to contemporary video games and social movements. The second edition also features a new chapter analysing how myths have been used in politics from antiquity to the present day. More than two dozen illustrations, maps, and charts complement the text. No prior knowledge of mythology is assumed and the book incorporates the latest scholarship on classical mythology, providing annotated lists of further readings. Anyone who has encountered Greek or Roman myths in literature, art, or pop culture and wants to know more about the cultural contexts for the stories will benefit from this compact book. Intended for a wide readership, the second edition of *Classical Mythology: The Basics* continues to offer a clear introduction to the subject for undergraduates, scholars, and the general reader"--  
*Classical Mythology* Wiley-Blackwell  
From Zeus and Europa, to Diana, Pan, and Prometheus, the myths of ancient Greece and Rome seem to exert a timeless power over us. But what do those myths represent, and why are they so enduringly fascinating? This imaginative and stimulating Very Short Introduction goes beyond a simple retelling of the stories to explore the rich history and diverse interpretations of classical myths in both high art and popular culture.

Greek Mythology Pearson Higher Ed

Do you know that The Olympians Weren't the Original Immortals? Or that the Goddess Hera restored her virginity each year? The ancient Greeks wove one of the richest and best-preserved collections of stories of all the early civilizations, from the dawn of creation to the bloody siege at Troy. Discover: how Zeus comes to reign supreme with Hera by his side. how the lovely goddess of spring, Persephone, ends up as the Queen of the Underworld. Adventure of Perseus as he seeks the head of Medusa to deliver his mother from a tyrant. Stories of Hercules and experience the cunning of Theseus as he claims his birthright as king of Attica. The unfolding of the famous Trojan War from its unbelievable beginning through its astounding conclusion. Odysseus on his ten-year voyage home to Ithaca. And many other amazing tales! Get this book and discover the fascinating world of Greek Mythology today!

Classical Mythology Routledge

Greek myths and legends have inspired men and women around the world for hundreds of years. The stories of Apollo, Perseus, Achilles, and others have sustained the imaginations of old and young alike, even into the present. In fact,

characters of Greek myth and legend have found their way into mainstream culture in the form of popular television and film characters. Greek mythology was so influential that it even formed the basis of Roman myth. In *Greek Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Greek Gods, Heroes, and Monsters*, you will be exposed to the exciting tales of gods and heroes that formed the canon of the Ancient Greek religion. Greek myth has become a part of us in ways that we do not fully appreciate. In fact, heroes like Achilles, Heracles, and Perseus have helped to form the image that we have today of the hero. The basis for much of the philosophy and dramatic arts that characterize Western society today has its root in Ancient Greek culture, which was closely tied to and spurred on by Greek myth and legend. The Ancient Greeks used the tales of their gods and heroes to help understand their world and their own place in it. In *Greek Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Greek Gods, Heroes, and Monsters*, you will learn about all the gods and heroes by reading the formative myths of the Greeks. *Greek Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Greek Gods, Heroes, and Monsters* explore the Greek gods and the Ancient Greek legends by delving into the tales told by Greek and Roman poets and historians, including Homer. They told tales about the creation of the universe, how the Titans were the first gods before the Olympians, and how the Titans and Olympians went to war with one another. Because the Ancient Greek religion was demonstrated in these tales about their gods and heroes, learning about these figures in the form of stories allows the reader to understand who the Ancient Greeks were and why they were. The world of Ancient Greek legend was very different from our own. The people at the heart of Ancient Greek civilization - living in modern-day Greece, Italy, Turkey, and other places - these people were part of a culture so far removed from the way that we think and perceive today as to be almost unrecognizable to us. *Greek Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Greek Gods, Heroes and Monsters* give you the lens you need to understand, even beginning with a description of the world they lived in and a summary of their history through the major historical periods. In *Greek Mythology: Fascinating Myths and Legends of Greek Gods, Heroes, and Monsters*, you will learn everything there is to learn about Greek myth and legend. You will learn about the Titans and Olympians, the monsters, who the major gods and goddesses were, who some of

the important heroes were, and how Ancient Greek legend has a legacy that continues among us today. Poets and

dramatists like Homer, Hesiod, Euripides, Sophocles, and Aeschylus recorded Greek stories in a form that has allowed them to

be read and appreciated today. Buy now to embark on a fascinating exploration of the world of Greek myth and legend.