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Salem Press Announces the Newest Edition to the *Critical Survey of Mythology & Folklore: Legendary Creatures*

Salem Press's seventh title in the popular *Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore* series, *Legendary Creatures*, focuses on mythical creatures from around the world and the cultures that created them. This volume explores the origin and evolution of a variety of mythological creatures from their emergence in early legends and oral histories to appearances in modern culture.

Creatures have been present in legends and folklore since the dawn of civilization, offering important lessons, warnings, and guidance. Evoking both awe and fear, these creatures have helped humans explore life's deepest and most fundamental questions and mysteries. These primal stories have been the inspiration for countless works of art, drama, music, and literature throughout the ages and are still studied by scholars and in the classroom as a way to examine modern life and cultural history.

Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore, Legendary Creatures is divided into eight regional sections. In addition to global legends, readers will find legends from:

- Africa
- Ancient Greece and Rome
- Asia, South Asia, and the Pacific
- Central and South America
- Europe
- The Middle East
- North America

The 150 entries in this set cover **Legends, Gods, and Goddesses**. Each regional section begins with a number of **Overview essays** that discuss the literature, mythology, and art of the region. All articles also include a Significance section that covers the evolution of the creature within myth and legends and surveys films, novels, comic books, and other media that features the mythical creature. Full-color maps and illustrations round out this volume.



As with most mythology and folklore, common themes run throughout the legends of vastly different cultures and time periods, connecting people throughout the ages in their often-similar narratives of legendary creatures. Topics exploring the human relationship to animals and nature, and the deeply human need to seek understanding of what is beyond the perceivable world are examined from ancient tales to modern music and even video games.

Supplemental Features

- Two **separate indexes** of selected Legends and Gods and Goddesses help in locating specific subjects.
- A **subject index** of creatures and topics offers supplemental information on the overall coverage of the volume.
- An **extensive bibliography** of secondary sources rounds out the volume, and lists for Further Reading follow each article.

The *Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore* series offers analytical articles and plot summaries of the major myths, tales, and other traditional literature for studies in advanced high school and undergraduate classrooms.

Free Online with Print Purchase

In addition, *Critical Survey of Mythology & Folklore: Legendary Creatures* comes with **free online access** through the Salem Press platform. A single purchase of the printed set is all it takes to gain access to this valuable title online at <https://online.salempress.com>. Free online access includes an unlimited number of simultaneous users and remote access.



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