

## Mermaids The Myths Legends And Lore Skye Alexander

A fantastic collection of draconic tradition! Since the Bronze Age, people have been fascinated, enchanted, and even frightened by tales of mystical dragons. With this book, you will unravel the history and mystery behind these serpentine beasts with folklore, mythology, and poetry from every tradition in the world. From the Slavic Zmey Gorynych, bearing its three fire-breathing heads, to J.R.R. Tolkien's Smaug, who laid entire towns to waste, the thrilling stories surrounding these fierce monsters are sure to captivate anyone who has ever dreamed of running into one during his or her travels. Whether you're interested in exploring the history and culture or just want to learn more about your favorite types of dragons, the legendary tales in this book will transport you to a time when these mythical creatures ruled the land, sea, and sky. Complete with hundreds of imaginative illustrations, *Dragons* reveals the magnificent beauty of these mesmerizing creatures as well as their terrifying power over civilizations.

Describes the history of mermaids and other sea creatures in folklore and mythology, discussing their anatomy, magic, language, and encounters with humans.

From Ariel to the current craze for Sirens, mermaids have captivated our imaginations. But what's true and what's fairy tale? For centuries, mermaids have appeared in the folklore of cultures from around the world, including the Near East, Europe, Asia, and Africa. And Disney made everyone want to dive under the sea with Ariel when the movie *The Little Mermaid* hit theaters in 1989. But what are mermaid stories based on? Many myths say these creatures are half human and half fish, while others claim they are simply manatees mistaken for something more magical. Some grant wishes and fall in love, yet others have lured sailors to their doom. Although we can't say for sure where the tales of these elusive figures first originated, author Sarah Laskow separates the fact from the fiction. This full-color, fully illustrated book tells you all you need to know about the myths, science, and history that surround mermaids.

An extraordinary biography. A gallery of astonishing work. The legacy of a madman. Philadelphia, the late 1870s. A city of gas lamps, cobblestone streets, and horse-drawn carriages—and home to the controversial surgeon Dr. Spencer Black. The son of a grave robber, young Dr. Black studies at Philadelphia's esteemed Academy of Medicine, where he develops an unconventional hypothesis: What if the world's most celebrated mythological beasts—mermaids, minotaurs, and satyrs—were in fact the evolutionary ancestors of humankind? *The Resurrectionist* offers two extraordinary books in one. The first is a fictional biography of Dr. Spencer Black, from a childhood spent exhuming corpses through his medical training, his travels with carnivals, and the mysterious disappearance at the end of his life. The second book is Black's magnum opus: *The Codex Extinct Animalia*, a *Gray's Anatomy* for mythological beasts—dragons, centaurs, Pegasus, Cerberus—all rendered in meticulously detailed anatomical illustrations. You need only look at these images to realize they are the work of a madman. *The Resurrectionist* tells his story.

There is always more to the story.... Find out what happens before and after in the YA fantasy worlds of *Oh, My, Gods.*, *Forgive My Fins*, and *Sweet Venom*. *The World of Myths* » Find out whether Stella has a heart, how Phoebe spends her Valentine, what's at the center of Nicole's labyrinth, how Griffin is surprised, and who Xella is and why they're going on a first date. *The World of Mermaids* » Find out what (or who) Coral dreams about, who gives Lily princess lessons, what Shannen's first swim feels like, what Astria thinks is a shore thing, and how to go about making a merman. *The World of Monsters* » Find out where a Nemean Lion hangs out, why you should always bet on Medusa, what freedom tastes like, how to get a golden apple, and who has to play the role of monster bait. Return to the worlds of Tera Lynn Childs in these magical tales that will delight fans of Greek mythology, mermaid romance, and monster-hunting descendants of Medusa.

Three original mermaid tales for children who are just beginning to learn how to read. Meet a scheming mermaid lurking to sabotage the Great Seahorse Race, a mermaid on a journey to the spooky Pirates' Graveyard and a mermaid who just loves to dance! "Irresistible for children learning to read." - Child Education Plus

Scotland's rich past and varied landscape have inspired an extraordinary array of legends and beliefs, and in *The Lore of Scotland* Jennifer Westwood and Sophia Kingshill bring together many of the finest and most intriguing: stories of heroes and bloody feuds, tales of giants, fairies, and witches, and accounts of local customs and traditions. Their range extends right across the country, from the Borders with their haunting ballads, via Glasgow, site of St Mungo's miracles, to the fateful battlefield of Culloden, and finally to the Shetlands, home of the seal-people. More than simply retelling these stories, *The Lore of Scotland* explores their origins, showing how and when they arose and investigating what basis - if any - they have in historical fact. In the process, it uncovers the events that inspired Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, probes the claim that Mary King's Close is the most haunted street in Edinburgh, and examines the surprising truth behind the fame of the MacCrimmons, Skye's unsurpassed bagpipers. Moreover, it reveals how generations of Picts, Vikings, Celtic saints and Presbyterian reformers shaped the myriad tales that still circulate, and, from across the country, it gathers together legends of such renowned figures as Sir William Wallace, St Columba, and the great warrior Fingal. The result is a thrilling journey through Scotland's legendary past and an endlessly fascinating account of the traditions and beliefs that play such an important role in its heritage.

Additional series numbering from publisher's website.

From Homer's *Odyssey* to *Pirates of the Caribbean*, Mermaids have fascinated popular culture for centuries. Among the Mermaids is an enchanting collection of classic stories, facts, and tales of mermaids from around the world that will thrill every lover of this romanticized mythological creature. Compiled by Book of the Bizarre author and Magical Creature devotee Varla Ventura, *Among the Mermaids* includes turn of the century tales of merfolk from Bret Harte, T. Crofton Croker, and W.B. Yeats, along with tantalizing trivia, facts, first-hand accounts, and speculations about mermaids in popular culture. Some facts about the fluid and the fair from the book: Many people believe today that early explorer sightings of mermaids were manatees. (Scurvy + many days away from your lady = a blubbery creature looking supple and bodacious.) Blackbeard, the fierce and terrible pirate, was afraid of his crew being lured into a watery grave by mermaids, so he ordered his ships to avoid certain areas reputed to have a high number of mermaid sightings. Since 2009, the town of Kiryat Yam, Israel has offered a prize of \$1 million dollars to anyone who can prove the mermaid off their coast is real. The prize remains unclaimed.

For fans of *The Dork Diaries* comes a new and heavily illustrated chapter book series about a fiery third grade mermaid who thinks she wants to be where the shimmery Sirens are! Cora is a small mermaid with a BIG personality. But like so many mermaids in the third grade, she is struggling to truly be herself. She wants to be like the Singing Sirens, the most glamorous swim team in the sea. Unfortunately, an annoying road--er, seablock--keep getting in her way. When Cora fails her spelling test, her coach says she can't be on the team unless she gets an A on the next one! Can Cora conquer her spelling test, make the swim team, AND stay true to herself at the same time?

*Legends of the Anishinaubaek* (Ojibway First Nations) translated into English and illustrated by a Santee/Oglala artist. An introduction to the facts and fiction behind favorite legends about monsters explains how historical groups believed in monsters to explain unknown phenomena that is better understood through modern science, in a reference that examines creatures ranging from dragons and mermaids to yeti and unicorns. By the award-winning author of *Piano Piano*.

*Mermaid Statues and the Stories, Legends and Mythology* that inspired them. 192 pages all about mermaids, with

hundreds of photographs.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • A Black mermaid takes on the gods themselves in this "impressive" fantasy debut that "blends West African history and Yoruban mythology to create a new fairy tale" (New York Times). The first book in a powerful series that is perfect for fans of *The Gilded Ones* and those eagerly anticipating the live action film adaptation of *The Little Mermaid*. A way to survive. A way to serve. A way to save. Simi prayed to the gods, once. Now she serves them as Mami Wata—a mermaid—collecting the souls of those who die at sea and blessing their journeys back home. But when a living boy is thrown overboard, Simi goes against an ancient decree and does the unthinkable—she saves his life. And punishment awaits those who dare to defy the gods. To protect the other Mami Wata, Simi must journey to the Supreme Creator to make amends. But all is not as it seems. There's the boy she rescued, who knows more than he should. And something is shadowing Simi, something that would rather see her fail. . . . Danger lurks at every turn, and as Simi draws closer, she must brave vengeful gods, treacherous lands, and legendary creatures. Because if she fails, she risks not only the fate of all Mami Wata, but also the world as she knows it.

In this book, Charlotte Montague provides a guide to vampire mythology from around the world.

Dive into centuries of mermaid lore with these captivating tales from around the world. A Penguin Classic Among the oldest and most popular mythical beings, mermaids and other merfolk have captured the imagination since long before Ariel sold her voice to a sea witch in the beloved Disney film adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid." As far back as the eighth century B.C., sailors in Homer's *Odyssey* stuffed wax in their ears to resist the Sirens, who lured men to their watery deaths with song. More than two thousand years later, the gullible New York public lined up to witness a mummified "mermaid" specimen that the enterprising showman P. T. Barnum swore was real. The Penguin Book of Mermaids is a treasury of such tales about merfolk and water spirits from different cultures, ranging from Scottish selkies to Hindu water-serpents to Chilean sea fairies. A third of the selections are published here in English for the first time, and all are accompanied by commentary that explores their undercurrents, showing us how public perceptions of this popular mythical hybrid—at once a human and a fish—illuminate issues of gender, spirituality, ecology, and sexuality.

Dive in to discover all there is to know about mermaids in this beautifully illustrated book. But wait - if you thought mermaids were fantasy creatures who existed only in myth and fairytale, think again! New research has uncovered what a rich and varied group of beings they are. The famed merologist Professor Tola's great work covers everything from their long and sinewy tails to the magical properties of merpeople from the Pacific Ocean to the frozen Arctic. Merperson researchers from the Institute of Merology have discovered a secret underwater kingdom where these magical beings swim, play, learn and sing. Now you can become a mermaid expert too!

Exploring legends from across the globe, this narrative text presents the story of the mermaid, offering possible scientific explanations for the myths. Bright images and a playful design will keep even the most reluctant readers interested, while a glossary helps build vocabulary. A broad spectrum of ideas encourages critical thinking.

Kiviuiq is one of the greatest and most important characters in Inuit mythology. This is one of Kiviuiq's most heart-pounding adventures: an encounter with a group of frightening mermaids. With only his qayaq to keep him out of their clutches, Kiviuiq must think fast to defeat these angry creatures of the deep!

An enchanting treasury of fairy lore! Around the corner, behind the bushes, and just out of sight...fairies have spent hundreds of years weaving their way in and out of our homes and gardens to spread their magic. Featuring folklore, mythology, and poetry from around the world, this lovely collection reveals these ethereal spirits' extraordinary powers and the history behind their existence. From the case of the Cottingley fairies in the early twentieth century, whose photographs fooled thousands (including Arthur Conan Doyle), to the mischievous fairies found in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, the fascinating stories surrounding these magical sprites are sure to captivate anyone who has ever dreamed of catching one hiding deep within her flowerbed. Whether you're interested in exploring the history and culture or just want to learn more about fairies' powers and trickery, you'll love plunging into the enchanting tales that bring these whimsical creatures to life. Complete with hundreds of lovely illustrations, *Fairies* reveals the magnificent beauty of these mesmerizing sprites as well as their knack for causing mischief.

Magical Mermaids Myths, Legends, and Lore. Explore the mystical land of mermaids from sirens and water spirits to sea witches and shapeshifters. The magical mermaids coloring book is filled with 40 beautiful and fun mermaids to color and relax with. Single-sided pages, artist-grade paper, full size, and ready to color. Artist Deborah Muller takes us on a mermaid journey with 40 images of mermaids all in her unique and whimsical style. Artist Tiffany Krzywicki digitally colored the magical cover. make sure to check out all of Deborah Muller's books on Amazon over 100 to choose from. With something for everyone, Deborah creates fun!

A beautiful sound drifts over the waves. Do your eyes deceive you? It is a mermaid! Long hair cascades down her back as she sings into the salty air. Mermaids began to take form 4,000 years ago, but their popularity grew as more people sailed the seas. This fact-filled title highlights mermaid myths around the world, exploring their unique powers, fascinating history, and presence in media. Added features include a map, a pop culture connection, and more. Young readers will love this title about the mysteries of mermaid lore!

Are mermaids compassionate beings waiting to save drowning sailors or vindictive creatures hoping to lure people to their deaths? The answer depends on the lore, which is vast and varied. Through the centuries, people around the world have reported seeing real mermaids on rocks or bobbing in the sea. Even in the 21st century, people are drawn to the mystery of the mermaid. Readers, too, will find the many mermaid stories and hoaxes in this engaging book entertaining as well as educational. Folklore is a unique and entertaining window into studies of world culture.

The Little Mermaid is one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved fairytales. This new edition lets the reader delight in Peter Madsen's fabulous illustrations, which compliment the beautiful tale of the mermaid and her unrequited love.

"Explains the history, origins, theories, and various tellings of unicorns"--

Long, long ago there was a time when men did not venture into the deep ocean waters. It was believed that the world was flat and to sail beyond the horizon meant falling off the edge of the earth. So even though they were drawn to and fascinated by the ocean, men feared it. And as men lived their lives above the water, far beyond their view and in the ocean's deepest depths lived mysterious and magical sea creatures, half girl and half fish. These shy, gentle creatures were called mermaids and much loved by the ocean. And when men finally overcame their fear and ventured out to sea, risking disaster and even death, it was the mermaids who came to their rescue. Written by award-winning author Trinkia Hakes Noble, this original legend explains the origin of sea glass, attributing it to the tears of mermaids, weeping

for lives lost at sea.

A spellbinding collection of wizardry! For centuries, people have been mesmerized by the spectacular tales of wizards. In this book, you will uncover the mystery behind these sorcerers with folklore, mythology, and poetry from every tradition in the world. From the legendary Telchines, who were entrusted with the upbringing of Olympian gods to the great, wise Gandalf in J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, the dazzling stories surrounding these magicians are sure to captivate anyone who has ever dreamed of mastering the arcane arts of wizardry. Whether you're interested in exploring the rich history behind these enchanting figures or want to learn more about their magical abilities, you will gain a better understanding of their impact on civilizations as you accompany these powerful conjurers on their spellbinding journeys. Complete with detailed illustrations, this book reveals the incredible power and age-old wisdom of some of the most extraordinary wizards to ever exist.

From the seas of antiquity to the city streets of today, *A Mermaid's Tale* explores the myth and meanings of the mermaid. Beginning with Melusina, the bathing mermaid par excellence, Amanda Adams goes on to describe the seductive sirens and their honeyed songs, the powerful Arctic sea goddess Sedna, and the long-haired rusalki or Russian lore, among other legendary mermaids. As she tells their stories, she also expresses a love of the mermaid that surely no sea-bound sailor could ever match. Grounded in cultural anthropology, folklore studies, and intellectual rigor, *A Mermaid's Tale* also draws on literature, poetry, and mythology for its insights. It is a book filled with depth and detail as it describes Adam's swim through the ocean of her own life in search of the unusual, the beautiful, and the perfectly extraordinary.

An all-new Boxcar Children miniseries!

Draws from folklore, mythology, and poetry from around the world--including the Irish, Slavic, African, and Persian traditions--to examine the history, culture, characteristics, and behavior of fairies.

Mermaids The Myths, Legends, and Lore Simon and Schuster

Magical and mysterious, the merfolk of the world are notoriously elusive, but this enchanting compendium will reveal their secrets. Learn all about the beautiful selkies of the Scottish seas, the wily iara of Brazil who love to outwit travelers, and the fearful Ningyo of Japan who can give you eternal life. This captivating book features a mix of mermaid "facts" and short retellings of some of the most magical and enticing traditional merfolk tales.

An Irish storyteller revisits the little-known legend of the Mermaid Saint in a haunting, beautifully illustrated tale of kindness, music, and longing. Long ago, on the eastern coast of Ireland, a monk from the Abbey of Bangor was collecting driftwood along the wave-tossed shore when he found a boy washed up amid a circle of seals. At first the boy, wrapped in a shawl of woven seagrass, could barely move or speak. But when he regained his strength, he recalled being brought ashore by a lady with long golden hair who sang him to safety and gave him a silver ring. The monks knew the legend of a mermaid who had wandered the coast for three hundred years. Could it possibly have been her? Inspired by a story told in medieval chronicles of Irish history about a wondrous happening in the year 558, debut author Marianne McShane weaves a captivating tale, while Jordi Solano captures the legend's spare but welcoming abbey on the rocky shore -- a setting that makes you believe that if you listen hard enough, you too can hear the mermaid's song.

The allure and mystery of mermaids has taken hold of our psyche for ages. From the Irish merrows who come on land to search for human husbands to the fake Fiji Mermaid made popular by P.T Barnum, these sea maidens (and sometimes men) can be found in folklore and mythology from every tradition in the world. Inside this captivating collection, complete with beautiful illustrations throughout, you'll discover the myths surrounding these enigmatic beings, explore the common symbols associated with them, and learn tales of merfolk from around the world. Dive into Mermaids and get swept away!

"Mermaid sightings pop up again and again in seafarers' accounts. Could there be some truth to the legends? This captivating book takes readers on a high seas' search for mermaids. They'll read some fascinating tales of mermaids, both beautiful and hideous. They'll learn the true story of Hans Christian Andersen's "The Little Mermaid," too. This high-interest volume is packed with legends and lore as well as awesome artwork."

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People have been fascinated by merpeople and merfolk since ancient times. From the sirens of Homer's *Odyssey* to Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid* and the film *Splash*, myths, stories, and legends of half-human, half-fish creatures abound. In modern times "mermaiding" has gained popularity among cosplayers throughout the world. In *Merpeople: A Human History*, Vaughn Scribner traces the long history of mermaids and mermen, taking in a wide variety of sources and using 117 striking images. From film to philosophy, church halls to coffee houses, ancient myth to modern science, Scribner shows that mermaids and tritons are—and always have been—everywhere.

A popular phenomenon in the modern era, sightings of mermaids have been recorded throughout history, appearing in times of trouble and disaster. These elusive creatures exist in imaginative literature and have become a source of inspiration for artists. This delightful history is illustrated primarily by fantasy work from contemporary artists.

For centuries people have used mythology to describe and explain many great events of human experience. The 40 spellbinding stained glass panels in this collection illustrate the legends of love, adventure, exploration, and conquest. They examine the folklore of the Mermaid, of chivalrous Knights, dancing Maidens, Kings on horseback, consorts, musicians, lovers and so much more. Descriptive text accompanies each design providing a fascinating insight into the artist's challenge and offers solutions with hints and tips for glass selection and project strategy. Every project includes the pattern line drawing. 24 projects are shown fabricated with a colour photograph while the remaining 16 are rendered as a textured line drawing with colour suggestions. Plus two designs are provided as full-size patterns printed on a bonus pullout page in the back of the book. The author presents an overview of how she turns an oil painting into a stained glass design, plus detailed instructions on how to enlarge a pattern drawing.

Mermaids and medicine women, spirits of wind, water, and woods inhabit this book of Ojibwa myths, exquisitely illustrated by Maxine Noel, a member of the Oglala Sioux.

Galen, a Syrena prince, searches land for a girl he's heard can communicate with fish. It's while Emma is on vacation at the beach that she meets Galen. Although their connection is immediate and powerful, Galen's not fully convinced that Emma's the one he's been looking for. That is, until a deadly encounter with a shark proves that Emma and her Gift may be the only thing that can save his kingdom. He needs her help--no matter what the risk.

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