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The greatest legends of all time, splendidly retold The myths of ancient Greece and Rome are the most dramatic and unforgettable tales of love, war, heroism, and betrayal ever told. Whether it's Icarus flying too close to the sun, Prometheus stealing fire from the gods, or the tragedy of Oedipus, their characters have inspired art, literature, plays, and films. Now, renowned classics scholar Jenny March presents a dazzling reinterpretation of these time-honored myths. Laid out in eighteen clear chapters (like ?Dangerous Women? and ?Heroes?) and providing the origins, development, and interpretation of each myth, this is the essential guide to the stories that have shaped our world.

From one of today's foremost scholars, a lively retelling of the timeless tales... Here are the myths that have influenced so much of our cultural heritage. Such age-old stories as the tragic love of Orpheus and Eurydice or Demeter's loss of her daughter, Persephone, resonate strongly with readers even today. In this book the rousing adventures of the heroes Herakles, Theseus, and Perseus are intertwined with the tragedies of immortal Prometheus and mortal Oedipus, the amorous escapades of

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Zeus, the trickery of Hermes, and the ecstasy of Dionysus. In-depth introductions to each section deepen your understanding of the myths—and heighten your reading pleasure. Presented in simple yet elegant prose, these tales emerge in brilliant new life. From the creation battle of the gods and Titans to Odysseus' return home from the Trojan War, this indispensable volume contains fifty-six legendary stories—handed down from generations past—that will continue to captivate readers for generations to come. Describes the daily life, mythologies, arts, religious rites, and antiquities of ancient Egypt.

"The Adventures of Sigi," is a series of picture books about a real dog and his interaction with the world around him. Using rhyme and repetition Sigi relates his adventures, which are not unlike those of many children. In Book Three, "A Day At The Beach," Sigi meets more animals at the beach and learns a valuable lesson about suntan lotion.

The figure of Medea has inspired artists in all fields throughout the centuries. This work examines the major representations of Medea in myth, art, and ancient and contemporary literature, as well as the philosophical, psychological and cultural questions these portrayals raise.

A leading scholar in the United States on Chinese archaeology challenges long-standing conceptions of the rise of political authority in ancient China. Questioning Marx's concept of an "Asiatic" mode of production, Wittfogel's "hydraulic hypothesis,"

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and cultural-materialist theories on the importance of technology, K. C. Chang builds an impressive counterargument, one which ranges widely from recent archaeological discoveries to studies of mythology, ancient Chinese poetry, and the iconography of Shang food vessels.

De klassieke oudheid vormt de bakermat van de joods-christelijke samenleving waarin wij leven. Dit breed opgezette overzichtswerk biedt een volledig geïntegreerde cultuurgeschiedenis van de Griekse en Romeinse wereld. Het verhaal begint in de 12e eeuw voor onze jaartelling in Mykene, beschrijft Rome, Athene, Alexandrië en Constantinopel en eindigt in Ravenna in de 5e eeuw na Chr. In een uitvoerige inleiding wordt de mediterrane wereld in zijn maritieme context besproken. Daarop volgen 25 plaatsgebonden hoofdstukken, waarin onderwerpen als economie en handel, staatsinstellingen en recht, oorlogen, filosofie, mythologie, beeldende kunst, stedenbouw en architectuur letterkunde en religie aan de orde komen.

This nuanced account explores Maya mythology through the lens of art, text, and culture. It offers an important reexamination of the mid-16th-century Popol Vuh, long considered an authoritative text, which is better understood as one among many crucial sources for the interpretation of ancient Maya art and myth. Using materials gathered across Mesoamerica, Oswaldo Chinchilla Mazariegos bridges the gap between written texts and artistic representations, identifying key mythical subjects and uncovering their variations in narratives and visual depictions. Central characters—including a secluded young goddess, a malevolent grandmother, a dead father, and the young gods who became the sun and the moon—are

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An essential visual handbook for anyone interested in Greek myth written by T. H. Carpenter, one of the world's leading experts on myth in ancient art.

This richly illustrated book examines the legacy of Greek mythology in Western art from the classical era to the present. Tracing the emergence, survival, and transformation of key mythological figures and motifs from ancient Greece through the modern era, it explores the enduring importance of such myths for artists and viewers in their own time and over the millennia that followed.

On museum visits, we pass by beautiful, well-preserved vases from ancient Greece—but how often do we understand what the images on them depict? In *Image and Myth*, Luca Giuliani tells the stories behind the pictures, exploring how artists of antiquity had to determine which motifs or historical and mythic events to use to tell an underlying story while also keeping in mind the tastes and expectations of paying clients. Covering the range of Greek style and its growth between the early Archaic and Hellenistic periods, Giuliani describes the intellectual, social, and artistic contexts in which the images were created. He reveals that developments in Greek vase painting were driven as much by the times as they were by tradition—the better-known the story, the less leeway the artists had in interpreting it. As literary culture transformed from an oral tradition, in which stories were always in flux, to the stability of written texts, the images produced by artists eventually became nothing more than illustrations of canonical

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works. At once a work of cultural and art history, *Image and Myth* builds a new way of understanding the visual culture of ancient Greece.

From the dazzling temples of the Acropolis to the strange and enigmatic glyphs of the Maya, *Ancient Civilizations* takes readers on a fascinating journey back in time. This richly illustrated book explores the beliefs, rituals, arts and myths of ancient cultures across the world, beginning with the first civilizations of the Fertile Crescent and progressing to the early Middle Ages. Informative, accessible text and gorgeous, detailed photographs of art work and sacred sites give readers real insight into our ancient ancestors' daily lives. Special emphasis is given to symbols, sacred texts, religious ceremonies, gods and goddesses, visions of the cosmos, and sacred sites. If you've ever felt drawn to the magic, legends, and mysteries of the past, this is the perfect book for both reading pleasure and reference.

Perhaps the single most revolutionary aspect of the Renaissance was the re-emergence of the gods and goddesses of antiquity. In the midst of Christian Europe, artists began to decorate luxury goods with scandalous stories from classical mythology, and rulers to identify themselves with the deities of ancient religion. The resulting fusion of erotic fantasy and political power changed the course of Western art and produced many of its most magical and subversive works. The first book ever to survey this extraordinary phenomenon in its entirety, *The Mirror of the Gods* takes the story from the Renaissance to the Baroque. Each chapter focuses on a particular god (Diana, Apollo, Hercules, Venus, Bacchus, Jupiter) and recounts the tales about that deity, not as they appear in classical literature but as they were re-created by artists such as Botticelli, Titian, Bernini and Rembrandt. And yet this is not a book simply about painting and sculpture. It is an attempt to re-imagine the entire designed world of the

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Renaissance, where the gods also appeared in carnival floats and in banquet displays, and entertained the public in the form of snow men and fireworks. This rich and original new portrait of the Renaissance will ensure that readers never see the period in quite the same way again. This nuanced account explores Maya mythology through the lens of art, text, and culture. It offers an important reexamination of the mid-16th-century Popol Vuh, long considered an authoritative text, which is better understood as one among many crucial sources for the interpretation of ancient Maya art and myth. Using materials gathered across Mesoamerica, Oswaldo Chinchilla Mazariegos bridges the gap between written texts and artistic representations, identifying key mythical subjects and uncovering their variations in narratives and visual depictions. Central characters—including a secluded young goddess, a malevolent grandmother, a dead father, and the young gods who became the sun and the moon—are identified in pottery, sculpture, mural painting, and hieroglyphic inscriptions. Highlighting such previously overlooked topics as sexuality and generational struggles, this beautifully illustrated book paves the way for a new understanding of Maya myths and their lavish expression in ancient art.

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Victorian jewelry, Assyrian sculpture, and Japanese netsuke, illuminates our understanding of the place of dogs in human society around the world. This book explores these cultural expressions and reflections of our deep and long-standing interest in dogs.

This engaging book focuses on the perennially fascinating topic of plants in Greek and Roman myth. The author, an authority on the gardens, art, and literature of the classical world, introduces the book's main themes with a discussion of gods and heroes in ancient Greek and Roman gardens. The following chapters recount the everyday uses and broader cultural meaning of plants with particularly strong mythological associations. These include common garden plants such as narcissus and hyacinth; pomegranate and apple, which were potent symbols of fertility; and sources of precious incense including frankincense and myrrh. Following the sweeping botanical commentary are the myths themselves, told in the original voice of Ovid, classical antiquity's most colorful mythographer. The volume's interdisciplinary approach will appeal to a wide audience, ranging from readers interested in archaeology, classical literature, and ancient history to garden enthusiasts. With an original translation of selections from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, an extensive bibliography, a useful glossary of names and places, and a rich selection of images including exquisite

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botanical illustrations, this book is unparalleled in scope and realization. Myth into Art is a comparative study of mythological narrative in Greek poetry and the visual arts. Thirty of the major myths are surveyed, focusing on Homer, lyric poetry and Attic tragedy. On the artistic side, the emphasis is on Athenian and South Italian vases. The book offers undergraduate students an introduction both to mythology and to the use of visual sources in the study of Greek myth.

About the representation of Greek mythology in ancient Greek art.

This book explores the relationship between people and cattle through the ages via works of art and artefacts drawn from the rich collection of the British Museum. The author compares and contrasts images from around the world – Palaeolithic carvings to Ancient Egyptian figures, Greek sculpture to English porcelain, drawings by Durer and Goya to Indian paintings and Japanese prints – to create a superbly illustrated celebration of these majestic beasts.

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In this book, Mehmet-Ali Ataç argues that the palace reliefs of the Neo-Assyrian Empire hold a meaning deeper than simple imperial propaganda.

This richly illustrated, four-colour textbook introduces the art and archaeology of ancient Greece, from the Bronze Age through to the Roman conquest. Suitable for students with no prior knowledge of ancient art, this textbook reviews the main objects and monuments of the ancient Greek world, emphasizing the context and function of these artefacts in their particular place and time. Students are led to a rich understanding of how objects were meant to be perceived, what 'messages' they transmitted and how the surrounding environment shaped their meaning. The book contains nearly five hundred illustrations (with over four hundred in colour), including specially commissioned photographs, maps, floorplans and reconstructions. Judith M. Barringer examines a variety of media, including marble and bronze sculpture, public and domestic architecture, painted vases, coins, mosaics, terracotta figurines, reliefs, jewellery and wall paintings. Numerous text boxes, chapter summaries and timelines, complemented by a detailed glossary, support student learning.

This text celebrates the diverse, innovative nature of Hellenic culture. It provides an introduction to this fascinating civilisation and its art, ranging from magnificent buildings and sculptures of gods, goddesses and heroes, to exquisite ceramics and jewellery. Inspired by the achievements of the ancient Greeks, the Romans made their city the

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center of an empire unsurpassed in size and influence for more than a thousand years. Its rich legacy shaped the medieval world and continues to amaze us today. Life, Myth, and Art in Ancient Rome celebrates the many achievements of Roman culture and delves into its fascinating dark side. Romans erected structures so well-built and engineered that they still stand millennia later, yet these same buildings also showcased blood sports as public entertainment. The Romans instituted just government, impartial legal and political institutions, and concepts of citizenship, yet its population included slaves as well as patricians and plebeians, and was often riven by intrigue, superstition, and savagery. This volume is a richly illustrated introduction to a fascinating, at times paradoxical, civilization and its art and architecture, ranging from magnificent temples and aqueducts, to exquisite mosaics and jewelry. Placing the art in its cultural context, the author covers themes that have long inspired the Western imagination, including the rise and fall of emperors, the life and death of the gladiator, the belief in omens and prophecy, and, ultimately, the establishment of Christianity. Losbandigheid, lust en liefde, moord en doodslag, triomfen en tragedies; de Griekse mythen en sagen zijn wilder en woester dan het leven zelf. Deze verhalen bieden alles wat een lezer zich kan wensen. De oude Grieken inspireerden onder anderen Shakespeare, Michelangelo, James Joyce en Walt Disney. In de handen van Stephen Fry komen de verhalen opnieuw tot leven. We worden verliefd op Zeus, we aanschouwen de geboorte van Athena, we zien hoe Kronos en Gaia wraak nemen op

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Ouranos, we huilen met koning Midas en we jagen met de even beeldschone als meedogenloze Artemis. Stephen Fry haalt deze verhalen op uit de oudheid en geeft ze hun welverdiende plek in onze moderne tijd.

'Ancient Rome' celebrates the many great achievements of the Romans- not only the wealth of superb architecture, myths and literature they bequeathed to us, but also their long-lasting impact on Western civilization through their development of government and law. Looking at the whole breadth of Roman life, myth and art, and tracing the connections between them, this superbly illustrated book takes us one step closer to understanding this extraordinary civilisation, which left a permanent mark on all the lands it embraced.

Presents an introduction to the ancient civilization of Rome, discussing its history, politics, military conquests, art, religion, literature, everyday life, and gods and goddesses.

"This volume investigates the integral role of heroes in ancient Greek art and culture. More than a hundred statues, reliefs, vases, bronzes, coins, and gems drawn from European and American collections, illustrate the ways in which heroes were represented, why they were important in Greek culture, and what encouraged individuals to seek them out." --Book Jacket.

A new reading of the portrayal of Greek myths in Roman art, revealing important shifts in Roman values and identities.

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Describes the daily life, religion, art, and rituals of ancient India.

What do Greek myths mean and how was meaning created for the ancient viewer? In *Art, Myth and Ritual in Classical Greece*, Judith Barringer considers the use of myth on monuments at several key sites - Olympia, Athens, Delphi, Bassai, and Trysa - showing that myth was neither randomly selected nor purely decorative. The mythic scenes on these monuments had meaning, the interpretation of which depends on context.

Barringer explains how the same myth can possess different meanings and how, in a monumental context, the mythological image relates to the site and often to other monuments surrounding it, which redouble, resonate, or create variation on a theme.

The architectural sculpture examined here is discussed in a series of five case studies, which are chronologically arranged and offer a range of physical settings, historical and social circumstances, and interpretive problems. Providing new interpretations of familiar monuments, this volume also offers a comprehensive way of seeing and understanding Greek art and culture as an integrated whole.

Presents an introduction to ancient Greek civilization, discussing its history, politics, art, religion, literature, philosophy, military, gods, and heroes.

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