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From the fairy tales of our childhood to the Greek and Roman gods, this well-researched book really expands on the topic of mythology. It includes myths, heroes, places and legends from all five continents, and from the different cultures and peoples found there.

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Joseph says

A rare find, a dictionary of mythology that has more than just Greco-Roman information. This dictionary has information from cultures from every continent.

Missi Inglis says

Okay, I haven't read the WHOLE dictionary, but I use it more often then even I thought I would. I love it and I love learning the new things about mythology from everywhere around the world.

Alford Wayman says

An excellent reference! Wish it had an index for quicker reference! Got an excellent deal on this at B&N bargain rack!

Ty Nyrin says

Started reading this in 2016, just finished.

This book literally has everything

- Celtic
- Roman
- Greek
- Mesopotamia
- Polynesian
- Egyptian
- Native American
- Irish
- Siberian
- Phoenician
- Pacific Islands
- Arab
- British
- Persian
- African
- Japanese
- Chinese
- European
- South American
- Canaanite

- Welsh
- Arabian
- Hindu
- Buddhist
- East Indian
- Jian
- Tibetan
- Canary Islands
- Mongolian
- Hebrew
- German
- Indonesian
- Inuit
- Australian
- Danish
- Malay
- Phrygian
- Baltic

And I can't remember the rest. It is EXTREMELY COMPREHENSIVE. Plus under each it lists if they had any other titles, their spouse and children, and the mothers who bore their children (or vice versa). Plus myths, stories and any add on info.

I wish I had this when I did a report on Zeus

Hannah says

Yet again I'm a mythology buff so I couldn't resist buying it when I saw it in stores. Apparently I have a very weak will towards books.

Bettie? says

HUGE and very useful to have in the reference library. Set out as if a dictionary e.g.:

Erinna Greek
a 3rd C BC poetess
She was the author of *Distaff* and died
at the age of nineteen.

Misenus Greek
a Trojan, trumpeter to Aeneas
He was a companion of Hector who
escaped with Aeneas at the fall of Troy.
He died on the long voyage that took
the escapees to a new home in Italy.

Some say that he was drowned by one of the Tritons who was jealous of his prowess as a trumpeter.

Siyawush Persian
[Siyavahsh.Siyavarshan]
son of Kay Kaus and Sudabe
His stepmother made advances which he rejected and she told her husband that his son had tried to rape her. The young man fled from the court but was killed by Afrasiyab.

StrangeBedfellows says

This is a useful resource for anyone interested in mythology. Its value lies in the breadth of mythologies and pantheons included -- a nice, first-stop reference. The downside is that, naturally, in covering as broad a range as possible, the provided information is not as in-depth as one would like. Also, this is a dictionary, not an encyclopedia, so don't expect encyclopedic entries. Bonus points for how well the book covers multiple spellings of names, but points detracted for the lack of pronunciation guides. To sum up, this is a good addition to your mythology reference collection, but it can't stand alone as a resource.

Tim Halbrook says

This book is nothing short of amazing. It covers nearly every mythology I have heard of, and numerous others I haven't. It lists alternative names as well, though it does lack any information about angelology/demonology. This book has basically become my bible in regards to researching mythology, and was definitely worth the \$20 I paid for it.

Alford Wayman says

A low priced quick reference guide for mythology and religion that I was able to pick up on sale. It is an informative introduction to the topics.

Mark Burns says

Okay...so this got a high rating due to the wide breadth of cultures that it at least attempts to cover. However, as is to be expected in such a broadly considered compilation it has some bad omissions within certain examples of the Myths themselves. I suspect that the next attempt will draw on this and then add to it to

make an even better dictionary on the subject of Cultural-world mythos and mythology.
