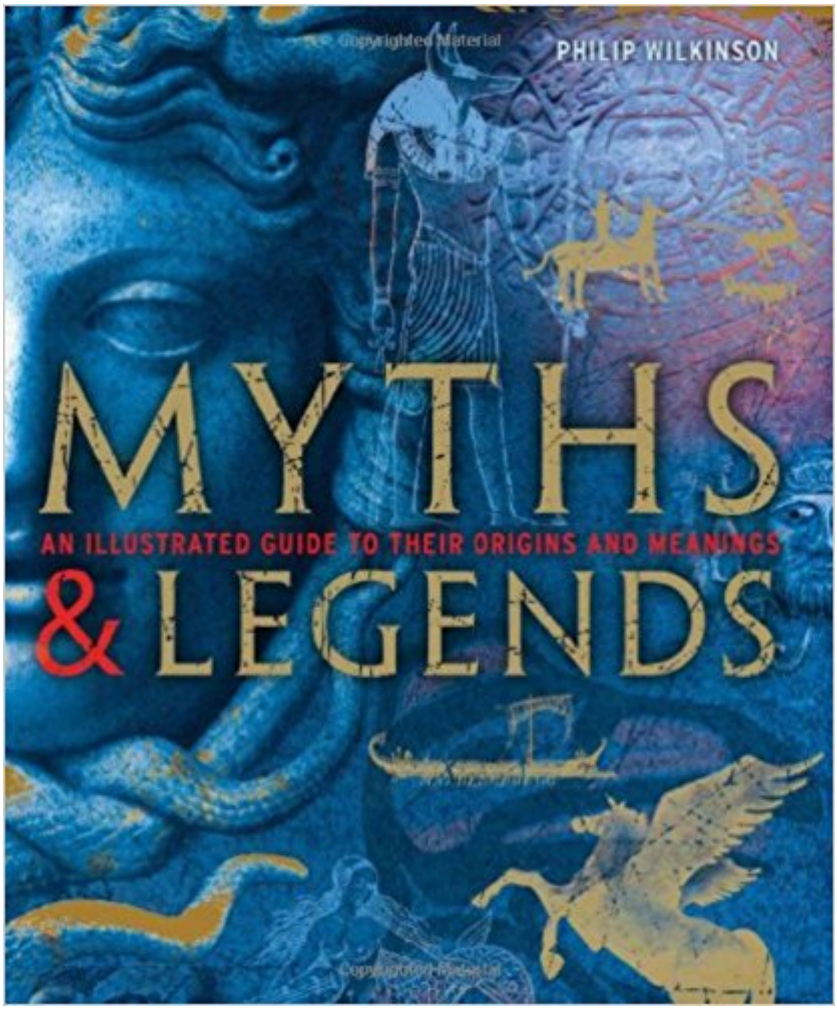
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I love this book. As odd as it seems, good books that provide a general overview of various mythologies are surprisingly scarce. This is exactly what I was looking for! I wanted something that would give me general information on Greek and Asian mythologies, while keeping it light and interesting. "Myths and Legends" does all that and more. It not only covers Greek and Asian mythologies, it covers the various mythologies of Native Americans, South Americans, Europeans, Babylonians... you name it, it’s probably in here.It has an excellent ratio of text, photos, and illustrations. Kudos to the author and the editor, because this book was put together with an astounding amount of care that is clearly visible on every page. You literally cannot open this book to any page, and not be impressed by at least one thing that you see on it. It’s much easier to visualize these legends, when presented with the great pictures that accompany the text. Also, the pages are of a very high quality, as is the binding and cover. I can’t believe I only paid $15 for this book. I look forward to browsing through it, time and again. It’s massive, and I’m constantly finding new material to absorb. If you’re even remotely interested in the subject matter, I don’t see how you can go wrong with this book!

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Great book for anyone interested in learning more about the gods of other cultures. Detailed information without being overwhelming. Also loved the charts showing connections between the gods

Gift for my grandson

my oldest has a touch of PDD-NOS and has been obsessed with mythology for several years, this is a nicely presented quality book. I personally could take issue with some of the facts presented, but overall this is one of the best mythology books for kids and occasional grownups.

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Great book. Beautifully constructed. Beautiful art.

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