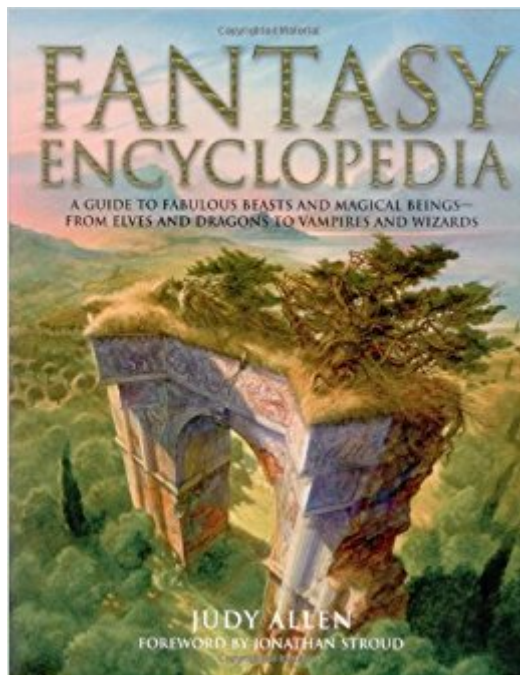


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This highly visual presentation introduces readers to fantasy characters within their habitats and genres. Students in fourth through eighth grades will enjoy browsing this one-stop guide to the creatures and people of folklore and fantasy. More than 50 types of characters are arranged in nine chapters covering topics such as "The Little People," "Mysterious Animals," and "Ghosts and Spirits." "The Little People," to take one example, includes sections on "Elves and Fairies," "Traps and Tricks," "Celebrated Fairies," "Household Helpers," "Harmful Little People," "Underground" folk, and "Gremlins." Each section consists of an introductory paragraph in larger, italicized font and several additional paragraphs adding specific details or information. Well-captioned illustrative materials as well as text boxes directing readers to popular books and movies starring the specific fantastical creature complete each two-page spread. More than 400 color photographs and illustrations significantly enhance the layout and presentation. A useful list of creatures by area of the world, a glossary, and an index conclude the work. Fantasy writer Jonathan Stroud provides an entertaining foreword, and the encyclopedia's author discusses the trickiness in defining fantasy in her introduction. Student fans of the fantasy genre will find this tool exceedingly browsable, and school and public libraries will want to purchase reference and circulating copies. Shauna Yusko Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

This book was a huge part of my childhood, and a big factor in my imagination and drive for writing and art today. If you are a fan of fantasy and lore, this book is for you. Adorned with lovely illustrations by the artist behind the drawings of the Lord of the Rings series, and intriguing knowledge of diverse fantastical creatures, this is a book that will be enjoyed by people young and old. My sole complaint is that upon arrival, the book's paper covering (which is the same as the hard cover) was damaged. Extensive information on the illustrator and author can be found on the flaps of the cover, which is why I was upset that it was tattered in such a way. This is disappointing for the fact that I paid for a new book. This however, does not affect my review, for respect of the book,

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I love the book its exactly what i was looking for as a gift to my 10 year old son. The pictures are amazing and covers just about the right amount of detail for his age group and imagination. its a 5 star book only gave it 4 stars cause it was shipped new and the book arrived with a huge dent in the top and messed up a lot of pages. Other then that it was shipped fast and im very pleased.

This one of the most complete and fascinating fantasy encyclopedia I ever found. Beautiful pictures and well written stories. I ordered it on after I was caught by its magic at a public library. I could not resist!

The illustrations are beautiful; it was a joy to simply turn the pages. There were more creatures featured in the book than I expected and I learned a few new things about them, which was exactly what I was hoping for. It was also a nice bonus that for every creature, they had a box that told you what book/film they have appeared in.

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