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Myths &
Legends

Turning myths and legends upside down

Myths and Legends 1 and 2 are companion anthologies of some of the best stories from around the world. Students will learn that each culture has its own myths and legends, and that these stories have similar themes and plots and relationships running through them.

One half of each volume is made up of the traditional tellings of myths and legends. Turn the book over and upside down, and the other half of each book contains modern and imaginative adaptations of the same stories.

Key features

- Stunning full-colour artwork, commissioned especially for the series
- The traditional stories each feature a map showing the myth or legend's place of origin
- Page margins feature suggestions for further research and other interesting information about the story
- The modern stories are followed by comprehension and language questions, short imaginative writing exercises and enrichment tasks for students



Book 1 Contents

Traditional

The Heroes

- 1 The Story of Dirty Boy: *A Native American myth*
- 2 The Mighty Deeds of Beowulf: *A Norse legend*
- 3 King Arthur and Excalibur: *A Celtic legend*

The Women

- 4 Amaterasu Hides her Face: *A Japanese myth*
- 5 Artemis and Actaeon: *A Greek legend*
- 6 Deirdre of the Sorrows: *An Irish legend*

The Losers

- 7 The Death of Jinini: *An Australian Aboriginal myth*
- 8 Daedalus and Icarus: *A Greek legend*
- 9 Pyramus and Thisbe: *A Babylonian legend*

MODERN

The Heroes

- 1 The Naming of Dirty Boy: *A Dirty Boy Story*
- 2 Mwangi and the World Game: *Beowulf Rides Again*
- 3 The Hermit: *How the Arthur Story Came to be Told*

The Women

- 4 Amaterasu Goes Manga: *A Japanese Manga Comic*
- 5 Hunters of the Black Bear: *An Artemis and Actaeon Adventure*
- 6 Bird in a Cage: *Deirdre of the Sorrows Down Under*

The Losers

- 7 The Dollhouse: *A Jinini Horror Story*
- 8 Kiril and the Skylady: *Daedalus and Icarus go to Bulgaria*
- 9 Love Letter from Ambon: *An Indonesian Pyramus and Thisbe*





Book 2 Contents

Traditional

The Creatures

- 1 Maui and the Goblin Goddess: *A New Zealand Maori myth*
- 2 The Dragons of Peking: *A Chinese myth*
- 3 Theseus and the Minotaur: *A Greek legend*

The Lovers

- 4 Tu Thuc: *A Vietnamese myth*
- 5 Orpheus and Euridice: *A Greek legend*
- 6 Dido and Aeneas: *A Roman legend*

The Tricksters

- 7 Savitri and Satyavan: *An Indian myth*
- 8 Samson and Delilah: *A Biblical legend*
- 9 Odysseus and the Wooden Horse: *A Greek legend*

MODERN

The Creatures

- 1 You Wouldn't Read About It: A Maui For All Seasons
- 2 Chasing the Dragon: Or 'I Know That'
- 3 In the Court of King Minos: A Timeless 'Theseus and the Minotaur' Tale

The Lovers

- 4 The Fisherman from Vung Tau: A Tu Thuc Adventure
- 5 Orpheus 1945: A Wartime Tale of Orpheus and Euridice
- 6 The Road to Rome: An Alternative Dido and Aeneas Adventure

The Tricksters

- 7 Tomorrow is Yesterday: A Savitri and Satyavan Sci-fi Fantasy
- 8 The Spy Who Counted Chickens: Sampson, Delilah and the Cold War
- 9 At Home With Zeus and Hera: A Sequel to Odysseus and the Wooden Horse

