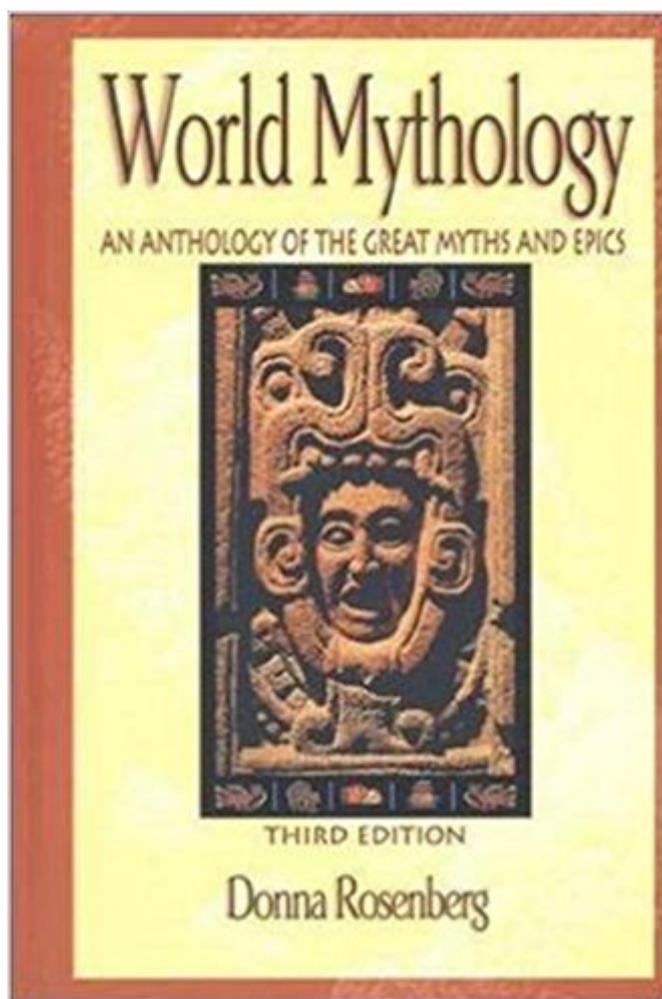


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# World Mythology: An Anthology Of Great Myths And Epics



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I bought this for a college mythology class because obviously it's cheaper here than at the bookstore. Since it's a paperback, I wasn't intimidated by it. And I was pleasantly surprised at the wide variety of myths available, and at how easy they are to read. Others are easier than others. The names can get confusing. There are Greek myths, of course, but there's also myths from South America, China, India, Africa, and many more. Obviously, these are not the original myths. (I don't even want to think at how big and heavy that book(s) would be.) These are revised versions which contain the big ideas and major plot points. And since, many of these myths are centuries old, there is room for interpretation. It has several long myths, usually called epics. There are excerpts of the

Iliad, the Aeneid, Legend of King Arthur, and the Ramayana (my personal favorite), and others which we didn't get to in class. It's great for just reading and learning something new. Not to mention that before each myth there's some historical info and a list of characters. I wouldn't use it as actual reference material if I was to write a serious paper, but it's good info to have around. It was also perfect for the mythology class I had. It wasn't an intro class to future classes, it was a one time humanities class, which I thoroughly enjoyed. So, if you like mythology, but don't want to get too much in depth, this one is a good choice.

I got this for my College Mythology Course, cheaper on here than in the bookstore of course. While there are better and more in depth stories elsewhere for Mythology, I really like the collection here as far as Culturally and the Historical references that proceed each story. It's nice to get some background information about the origins of the stories as well as the summaries of all the names/familia listed in one place for a quick reference at the start of the section. I recommend reading the story prior to the history section that precedes it, however, if you've never heard it before, because it will spoil it for you! Just an FYI! But all in all this is a pretty decent book, but there are better, more elaborated mythology books out there. As this one was required for class though it isn't bad, and I can see why it was chosen as it goes beyond just Greek Mythology and really collects Mythology from all around the World, which is very nice. Recommended!

I don't see the reason for a school to make us buy a book that is clearly full of butchered Myths and Epics. In the prologue the author quickly tells us that she changed the stories so they are more suited for the modern world and stories were changed as well as the characters within who were adjusted to try and give the readers a reason to want to find out about the real Myths and Epics. I personally would just like a book with the REAL stories. I did take this class because I already wanted to find out more about Myths and Epics. I was not looking for a Disney version of the stories. I was looking to learn more about the Myths that we know of and I was hoping to get more of an insight into these Myths and Epics. This book is not a great learning tool because the information learned within would give you incorrect answers and incorrect information if anyone would like to discuss these at any future time. Also, after taking this class did not give me any chance of writing a paper on mythology without getting a failing grade due to it not giving us correct information.

I ordered this book for my Mythology class. It's a great text, I enjoy reading the myths for my class. The book is divided into areas of the world, and then different myths from those areas. There are

creation myths, myths about the gods, about heroes, utopias, and much more. Each myth has a short summary and background information presented before and then a few questions at the end of it. I was really excited about this class, and this text is the perfect companion for it. I get to read stories about gods and heroes instead of something boring! Most of the stories are just a couple pages, but there are also some longer ones you can read like The Aeneid, Beowulf, Gilgamesh, The Ramayana, The Iliad, and King Arthur (which I'm excited to read)!

I did not like the font of this text. It made it difficult to read and hard to process what I was reading.

Very good book. It's a worth while read. Arrived promptly and as described. Served it's purpose for use in the World Mythology college course. My son enjoyed getting to read all the stories in it. Some of the stories included: the Iliad, and multiple creation stories. They have about every creation story about every Mythology in it. You have to take it in context. The book arrived in good condition.

I had to get this book for a World Mythology course (which turned out to be a terrible choice for me because the teacher wanted weekly essays). I thought it was going to be dry and boring like most the books I have to get for classes but surprisingly, this one was a great read. All the myths were fun to read and the book was very well written. Even after the course was over, I read the rest of the stories in this book.

loved this class and the book is broken down really well

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