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## **Salem Press Announces The Newest Edition to the *Critical Survey of Mythology & Folklore Series: Gods & Goddesses***

This new title in the *Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore* series, *Gods & Goddesses*, examines the mythology surrounding the major and minor deities from a broad range of regions and cultures throughout the world.

This set is distinguished by contemporary perspectives on the cultural contexts from which mythology and folklore originate. Each of the ten sections in the set examine the culture or civilization in which these gods and goddesses were important by reviewing the religious practices, literature, mythology, and culture prevalent in each region. The gods and goddesses are discussed in detail to paint a picture of the powers and significance they held. Along the way, readers are given a look at the deities' relationships with one another, their strengths and weaknesses, the supernatural abilities they wielded, and how they served as both forces of good fortune and disaster for the people who worshiped them.

Designed for advanced high school and college students, essays in *Critical Survey of Mythology & Folklore: Gods & Goddesses* cover common subjects in tales from widely divergent regions of the world including: creation, love and loss, adventure and bravery, and cultural heroes.

The two volumes cover eleven regions: Greece, Rome, Norse, Celtic & European, the Americas, Near East, Far East, India, Egypt, Africa, and the Pacific. Each region is divided into sections that contain:

- Overviews of the religion
- In depth analysis of gods & goddesses
- Sacred places, figures, practices, and texts
- And selected stories

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*Critical Survey of Mythology & Folklore: Gods & Goddesses* is filled with supplemental features to make this title a must-have for classrooms and libraries.

- **Maps and Mythological Figures** presents twelve maps and charts detailing the cultural or geographical placement of many of the deities, authors and tales included in the set.
- **Civilizations, Cultures, & Sacred Places Index**
- **Creation Stories Index**

- **Gods & Goddesses by Region**
- **Sacred & Important Figures by Region**
- **Chronological List of Stories & Sacred Texts**
- **Bibliography by Region**
- **Mythology in the Classroom**, which explains major approaches to studying mythology and fairytales.
- **Sample Lesson Plan**, devoted to creation stories, accompanies the essay on teaching mythology in the classroom.
- **Subject Index**

### **Free Online with Print Purchase**

In addition, *Critical Survey of Mythology and Folklore: Gods & Goddesses* comes with **free online access** through the Salem Press platform. A single purchase of the printed set is all it takes to gain access to this valuable title online.

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