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In more than 2,000 alphabetically arranged entries, readers will meet angels, demons, elves, encantados, fairies, familiars, keremets, nats, nymphs, and many other strange beings from around the world. Carol Rose introduces the reader to the little--and not so little--folk, delightfully various and, at the same time, strikingly similar from country to country. Wherever humans have lived, the supernatural beings have dwelt alongside us. People serve to explain the unexplainable--the strange disappearance of a traveler in a dark wood, that odd thumping in the attic, the fresh cream turned sour overnight. Often they reveal the stoic humor with which human societies have faced their difficulties. But whatever their source, our guilts, fears, dreams, or imaginations, the spirits have fascinated and enchanted us through the millennia. Chosen by *Library Journal* as a Best Reference Source.

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R.A. Danger says

1996. This one doesn't have any names in the front like Giants, Monsters, & Dragons, but then both don't have any index either. It would be useful to look up Escudait and know that it could be found under the name Will O' the Wisp or that it's in the Appendix 27. The see also may not work if you end up reading Torto a demon with one eye and want to look up other one eye creatures but only see to look up "demon" only. It has enough different bw pictures, but there is only a few the same in both books. Pictures that were the same in both books are: Gytrash, Kelpie, and Mauthe Dog.

Besides a few negatives the book has a lot of positives where you can find different spirits and other beings and a few animals; corn spirits, keremet, encantado, nymphs, gnome and dwarf types, etc. Everything from Greece to Japan can be found in these pages.

A list of Appedix in the back are: 1. Angels 2. Demons 3. Devils 4. Dwarfs 5. Encantados 6. Fairies 7. Fallen Angels 8. Familiar's names 9. Keremet 10. Nats 11. Nymphs 12. – 26. Spirits associated with: animals, creatures, astronomy, celestial world, creative arts, corn, grain, death, hades, hell, underworld, disease, fields, vegetation, forest, woods, trees, wood, fortune, luck, treasure, guardianship, protection, household, domestic family, children, prophesy, fate, roads, travelers, water, and weather 27. By country, region, or people

Jessica says

While 'Spirits, Fairies, Leprechauns, and Goblins' isn't a book of fairy tales or stories, it's a wonderful reference book to the many legendary folk of the world. Carol Rose has gathered descriptions and information of hundreds of mythical creatures from various cultures and assembled them into an encyclopedia style volume. Dry writing for sure, but wonderfully interesting nonetheless!

Cyne says

This is a great reference for people seeking inspiration or people who just like mythology and the like. I fall into both of these categories, so I absolutely love this book. A must-have if you're an aspiring fantasy author and want to avoid the Tolkien tropes.

Ms. J Johnson says

Covers lots of stuff, but no pronunciation guide...

Sarah Yoon says

I looked a while for a reference book or bestiary that could help me get a rounded view of fae, but a lot of them are written to be cutsey rather than to give information. This one is comparatively academic, with alphabetized listings and helpful appendices. I especially appreciate the cultural variety.

Madly Jane says

Very good reference book on fairies and similar creatures.

Cathy Douglas says

A useful reference, but dry. This is a companion volume to Rose's *Giants, Monsters & Dragons*.

Jacqueline Ogburn says

Again, an invaluable reference books, drawn from many traditions.

Raven Tiger {Paint me like one of your 19th century gothic heroines!} says

Review to come.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

This is a really good encyclopedia for folkloric creatures. A must have for those who are inclined towards folklore and mythology. It's in alphabetical order and has the pronunciation and country of origin of the different entities. It also lists alternative names for the entities. I refer to it when I write my folklore blog and also when I encounter a creature I am not familiar with or just want more information.

Deboshree Chatterjee says

I loved this one... got to know soo much of unknown creatures, worldwide.. but there are some mis infos that I have observed, specially in Hindu lore and mythology segments... but you never be always right when it's about folklore and believes.. hence..no complain... loved this on too.. :)

Erin says

This is most literally an encyclopedia. So you probably will not sit down and read it in one sitting. It's more of a book you read a few excerpts from, from time to time.

It's very thorough and in-depth on the backgrounds of Fae, spirits and little people.

If you are just interested in learning about such things, then this book is for you. Enjoy.

The Elves says

Spirits, Fairies, Leprechauns, and Goblins is a fairly comprehensive encyclopedia of the otherworld from all over the world. The illustrations are not very good, it is true; however, the text is pretty thorough and while no book will ever be able to cover the totality of Faerie and the diversity of its inhabitants, except perhaps the book of Life, this is a good addition to the library of those who love and study this subject. We're glad we got it.

The Silver Elves

authors of The Shining Ones: The Elfin Spirits That Guide You According to Your Birth Date and the Evolutionary Lessons They Offer

Hugo Negron says

Wonderful resource book. A great read for anyone researching or just interested in goblins, elves, faeries, spirits, brownies, and other mythic creatures. This is not written in story format - its more of an encyclopedic text, with not many illustrations - and the majority of the drawings originate from rather crude plates. Still, they add to the old world feel and charm of the book. It was really amazing to discover how similar so many folklore tales and creatures are from one culture to another.

D.A. Henneman says

Great reference for anyone writing fantasy! The descriptions of the creatures are concise, and are just enough to set you off in the right direction. Unlike some other books I have, there are very few pictures, and the ones that are included are black and white. I personally like to have color pictures, which allow me to visualize if the creatures will fit in a particular scene, which is the only reason for the 4 star rating.

Overall, a very comprehensive and helpful book!
