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★ Celtic Mythology ★

The gifted W.B. Yeats wrote of his own people "...even a newspaperman, if you entice him into a cemetery at midnight, will believe in phantoms, for everyone is a visionary if you scratch him deep enough. But the Celt, unlike any other, is a visionary without scratching." This introduction to Celtic Mythology will serve the novice well – for it is a complicated history with the earliest written records destroyed by the marauding Vikings.

Inside you will read about...

- ✓ The Arrival of the Tuatha dé Danann
- ✓ Hibernia
- ✓ The Main Gods of the Celtic Pantheon
- ✓ Celtic Life and Rituals
- ✓ Sources of Celtic Mythology
- ✓ The Effect of Christianity and Beliefs and Superstitions

The oral tradition harks back to 4000BCE and is a compilation of myths and cultures of many different peoples including the Indo-Iranians, Slavs, Greeks, Germans, Austrians and finally, the Gauls, who washed up on the shores of the Emerald Isle. Whatever aspect of this rich, mystical and lavishly embellished heritage you would like to investigate further you will find the author has supplied a marker to guide you on your way.

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Apollo Hesiod says

I love greek mythology, but it's interesting to learn about all different kinds of mythology...very informative & will definitely read more about Celtic Mythology

Nathan says

A compelling introduction

This is a subject I'd never thought much about. However when I was looking for a short read, this peaked my interest. This book is a rare gem of an introduction to the topic of Celtic myths and legends. A wonderful blend of history and story.

Elena says

Exactamente lo que promete. Una guía muy breve y concisa con las bases de la mitología Celta, desde la introducción a los principales dioses hasta los rituales más importantes pasando por el efecto que el Cristianismo tuvo sobre esta cultura. Ideal como primera toma de contacto con el tema.

Lo mejor: El autor es consciente de la brevedad de su obra y recomienda recursos para el que quiera ampliar conocimientos sobre el tema.

Rebekah says

Short Overview of Celtic Mythology

This is a general overview of Celtic Mythology and all that it entails. Goes over some of the more major gods and goddesses. Breaks down the types of mythology tales there are, and then how Christianity changes them.

I like how short stories were shared as examples in different parts of the book.

Douglas Brown says

Good quick guide to the Irish legends and related links

It's impossible in a small space even to scratch the surface of Irish lore. This book is quite illuminating in laying out in understandable form the 4 major eras of pre-Christian legends. It does contain some 2 dozen of the key stories in very abbreviated form and, unusual in this short format, it contains many references

(including live URL links most of which remain current) to more detailed scholarly materials on the topics.

M L Evans says

Concise but Irish centric

A good narrative about Irish Celtic mythology but the book references the Celts across Gaul, Scotland and Wales with no reference to their mythology. I would expect that these other Celtic nations to have different mythological story lines not aligned to the Irish? A comparative narrative around these different cultures would have been beneficial.

Joseph Inzirillo says

This series is really well put together. This is third I've read. Very informative but leaves you wanting more. Could definitely use some editing. Also doesn't differentiate between purely Irish and Celtic myths. Worth the read regardless.

Jeff Harbrow says

A nice introduction to the topic. This book covers a lot of ground but doesn't go heavily into detail. It's a good starting point for future research in the area or for a brief read to better understand a little more of the mythology.

Maggies Daisy says

Tweaked my interest on Celtic religions and now find myself drawn to more of these enchanting perilous tales from our history.

Dannii Elle says

This was a solid first introduction into Celtic mythology. Asides from detailing some of the major gods and mythological stories associated with them, it also gave a brief overview of the history of the land and how both intersected with and affected the lives of the inhabitants of ancient Ireland.

holly says

.I found this to be very interesting, I learned many new things about the Celts. I would recommend it to others as a sort and quick source of Celtic information.

There was information about the Celtic gods that was new to me. The information about the language was note than I had previously encountered.

Ivy - Hearts Books. says

All Hourly History books deliver what they promise. Light reading, informative and lay a good foundation for future in depth reading. Loved reading about The Celts always been curious and this beats reading about them on Wikipedia. If you are wondering whether you should read this or not and you either want a quick recap of prior knowledge you have on them or like me - before this - just know they existed - this read will not disappoint. Happy reading!

Stephanie (Bookfever) says

Celtic mythology is probably one of the few I know the least about so I thought this book was super interesting. It mainly focused on Irish mythology which I liked a lot because Ireland is one of those countries that I love learning more about, whether it's about its history or mythology.

I do have to say that I didn't enjoy it quite as much as some of the other Hourly History books I've written. It was still fascinating but there I just thought it was not quite as good. And it dragged a tiny bit at some places in the book.

Other than that I liked the book for sure. I especially loved reading about everything surrounding the Tuatha dé Danann. Also the chapter of Celtic Life and Rotuals was a favorite of mine.

Mike says

I read the Captivating History book on Celtic Mythology first, and this one was more of what I was looking for.

While very basic and lacking depth - I don't expect depth from an Hourly History book, just a basic overview - it touched on who the Celts were how the myths developed and evolved over time, and the basics of their belief system.

Like a solid 101 type class, the Hourly History books do a great job of helping you wrap your head around the basics of a topic before digging deeper.

If you are looking for a short collection of Irish/Celtic stories - the Captivating History book may be more to your liking, but for how those stories fit into a larger context, this is a good title.

Charlotte Broadwater says

This gave a good understanding of Celtic mythology. I like how there were stories and poetry in the book as

well as songs. This is a good book for history buffs and anyone interested in the Celtic myths.
