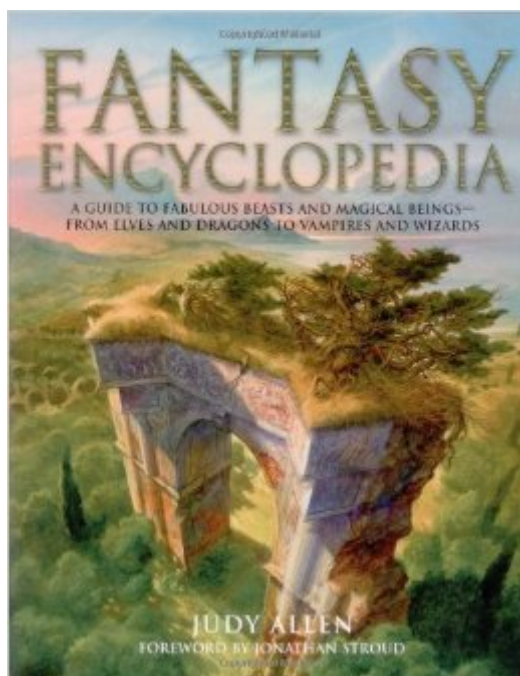


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# Fantasy Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

With a foreword by the award-winning fantasy author Jonathan Stroud, and illustration by some of the world's best illustrators including John Howe, the Fantasy Encyclopedia is a spectacular one-stop guide to the creatures and people of folklore and fantasy. From goblins and fairies to dragons and Dracula, this encyclopedia covers them all with sparkling, readable text and stunning illustrations. Discover how the magic of stories throughout the centuries has kept these creatures alive in traditions and cultures around the world. Using a highly visual approach, featuring more than 400 photographs and illustrations, this book will introduce readers to each fantasy character within its habitat and genre. Cross-reference boxes direct readers to popular books and movies starring these fantastical creatures. This is a must-have for any fantasy enthusiast!

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This book is okay, but there could have been a little more information in it on (the pictures are huge and take up most of the page space). That being said, the artwork is great, but it doesn't compare to books like the Spiderwick Field Guide and Dragonology. If you're looking for something a little more complete, and something that is worth 25 dollars, don't buy this book.

This book is spectacular! With color pictures on every page, it illustrates nearly every creature of

fantasy imaginable, from the Baba Yaga to the Cockatrice. Kids and adults of all ages will treasure this book.

This one of the most complete and fascinating fantasy encyclopedia I ever found. Beautiful pictures and well written stories. I ordered it on after I was caught by its magic at a public library. I could not resist!

This book was a huge part of my childhood, and a big factor in my imagination and drive for writing and art today. If you are a fan of fantasy and lore, this book is for you. Adorned with lovely illustrations by the artist behind the drawings of the Lord of the Rings series, and intriguing knowledge of diverse fantastical creatures, this is a book that will be enjoyed by people young and old. My sole complaint is that upon arrival, the book's paper covering (which is the same as the hard cover) was damaged. Extensive information on the illustrator and author can be found on the flaps of the cover, which is why I was upset that it was tattered in such a way. This is disappointing for the fact that I paid for a new book. This however, does not affect my review, for respect of the book, it's creators, and the wonderful content. Thank you Judy Allen, for introducing me to this exciting genre as a child. It is because of this book that I grew up to read the LOTR series, Harry Potter, The Neverending Story, and many other classic fantasy tales.

Fantasy Encyclopedia by Judy Allen Fantasy Encyclopedia is meant for Grades 4-8 students and library use. You'd expect a full-color large-format fantasy encyclopedia to be a wonderful library edition. But this book is disappointing in its scope and in its depth. The book is a guide to the creatures and peoples of fantasy, mythology, and folklore. Over 50 character types are covered in 9 chapters. The chapters cover "The Little People," "Mysterious Animals," "Ghosts and Spirits," etc. Each major section in a chapter has a few introductory paragraphs followed by illustrations with captions. This by itself is not so bad, but the book then adds plugs for popular movies and books in which the creatures appeared. So you get disingenuous references to Narnia, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, etc. You don't get a real feel for how these creatures are used in fantasy. You do get the sense that references to Narnia, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings are placements. A more thorough treatment of the subject would have included much more detail and a better cross section with much better sampling. Hopefully a revised and significantly expanded edition is in the works.

This lovely and informative book describes all kinds of creatures found in fantasy literature. It has

beautiful pictures and tells when the creatures "came into being" (first seen in art, books, etc.) attributes, powers, folklore, etc. For many creatures, it lists books they have appeared in, which is very useful for locating other fantasy books to read. This book appeals to many ages from about 4th or 5th grade and up. My high school aged daughter loves it.

This book has beautiful pictures, great amount of information that is easy to understand and read. I highly recommend this book to every and any fantasy fan! Myself, I've been looking for this type of book for a long time but never knew what to search to find it. One day I got the idea to type in my search "Fantasy Encyclopedia" and that is when I found this book. Recommended to my friend and now she has a copy too! Well worth it.

I love the book its exactly what i was looking for as a gift to my 10 year old son. The pictures are amazing and covers just about the right amount of detail for his age group and imagination. its a 5 star book only gave it 4 stars cause it was shipped new and the book arrived with a huge dent in the top and messed up a lot of pages. Other then that it was shipped fast and im very pleased.

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