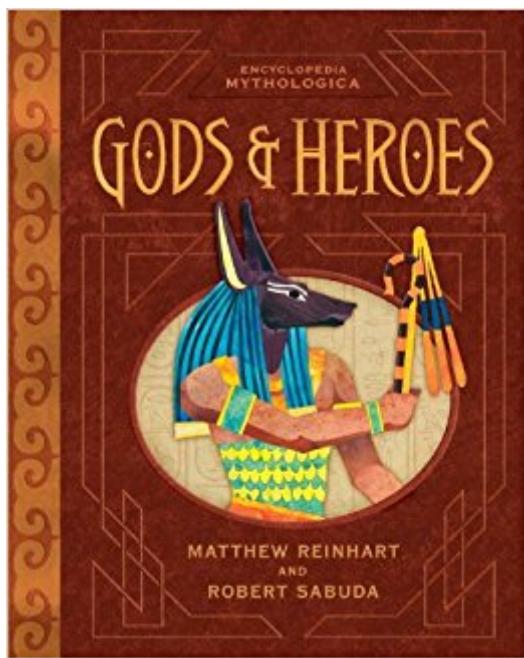


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# Encyclopedia Mythologica: Gods And Heroes Pop-Up



## Synopsis

The creators of the New York Times best-selling Encyclopedia Prehistorica series offer a mythic look at the mysteries of the past with an entire pantheon of remarkable pop-ups. For all of recorded history, humans have sought to understand Earth's mysteries in the realm of the divine and aspired to conduct themselves as heroes. Only gods, of course, could push the sun across the sky, forge entire continents, and impel mountains to touch the clouds. In this stunning volume, the incomparable team of Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda take us to Ra-Atum's land in Ancient Egypt; above the Grecian clouds to Zeus's Mount Olympus; up to Norse god Odin's frozen north; to the Far East, where the Jade Emperor sits in the heavens; into the wilds of Oceania, where Pele's volcanic rage simmers below the earth; and to many more lands and times, all rich with sacred myths and legends.

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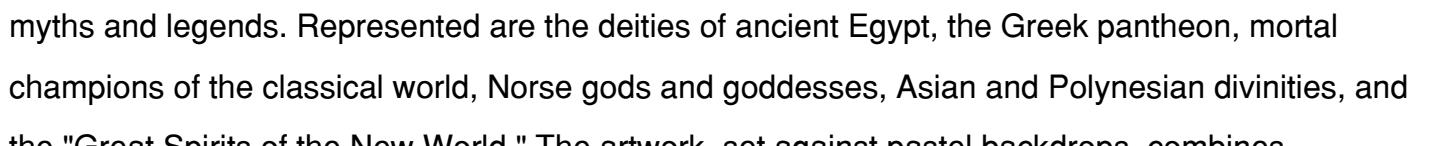
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## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-8 •This handsome volume introduces beings powerful enough to "push the seasons forward, forge mighty civilizations, and shape the very earth." Six gloriously illustrated spreads, each graced by a dramatic paper-sculpture centerpiece and additional fold-out booklets, provide a glimpse at gods and heroes from around the world along with appetite-whetting tidbits of

myths and legends. Represented are the deities of ancient Egypt, the Greek pantheon, mortal champions of the classical world, Norse gods and goddesses, Asian and Polynesian divinities, and the "Great Spirits of the New World." The artwork, set against pastel backdrops, combines traditional images with modern sensibilities to stunning effect. An airy pop-up of Olympus includes all 12 primary gods; a pull-tab flips miniature pages to reveal Herakles's 12 labors; a 3-D Thor swings his famed hammer down with a powerful thrust; hot-headed Pele emerges from a volcano base; Spider Woman weaves a celestial web out of silver cord; and more. The text covers a lot of ground but is well written and works hand-in-hand with the striking, innovative illustrations to encourage further exploration. Use this attention-grabbing overview to brew up reader interest and launch studies of ancient cultures and mythology.  Joy Fleishhacker, School Library Journal  
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The creators behind the popular *Encyclopedia Prehistorica* series of pop-up books offer this second volume in the *Encyclopedia Mythologica* (following *Fairies and Magical Creatures*, 2008). Ranging beyond the better-known canon of classical mythology, the book is evenly weighted to include Egyptian, Norse, Eastern, and New World legends. Each of the six main spreads is dominated by a large centerpiece, which is surrounded by three or four flaps that open to reveal smaller but often no-less-impressive pop-ups that dive into substrata of the spread's main theme. Some of these pop-ups reveal even smaller flaps in a kind of nested-doll-like series of diminishing size. The page constructions are what you'd expect from the duo, which is to say intricately detailed and exquisitely designed but also sturdier than they look, though certainly prone to mangling when overhandled. The information, though well conveyed, is both necessarily truncated by the nature of the format and demanding of a higher reading level than most pop-up books. Still, definitely neat.

Grades 2-5. --Ian Chipman

After I ordered *ENCYCLOPEDIA MYTHOLOGICA FAIRIES AND MAGICAL BEINGS POP-UP* by Matthew Reinhart and saw how beautiful it is I had to get his *GODS AND HEROES* and after I wait 5 days for it to be shipped to my house it just amazes me how beautiful it really is!! I'm glad there is a video for all 3 of these *MYTHOLOGICA* books to get a good idea of how they look, but the low resolution video doesn't show the beauty of these books with sharp detail! When I see the Greek myth Mount Olympus Pop-up I revel in the detail of the Greek gods and I recognised nearly all of them standing and sitting in the temple buildings! Whether it's Hera, wife of Zeus, with her arms

folded while Zeus sits on his throne or Hermes messenger of the gods flying over Olympus and Isis the rainbow goddess flying down her rainbow, the mythical characters are rendered both simply and beautifully in the pop-up structure! And it all pop-up so fantastic! And the mini pop-ups show both the fall of Atlantis by a furious Poseidon and Artemus, Athena, and Aphrodite appear together next to the Atlantis scene in the mini pop-up! Since I am an animator, I am impressed with the motion effects achieved with these pop-ups! In the mini pop-up you can see Artemus the hunting goddess pulling back her arrow on her bow as the little pop-up opens! The next pages show a fold out ship depiction of Jason's ship the Argo with an incredible fold out sail that spreads out like a fan! There is also the 12 labours of Hercules displayed by pulling a tab to show the tasks Hercules must perform drawn onto different small pages that are revealed when you keep pulling the tab! The next pages have a great pop-up of Thor the thunder god striking down with his hammer when you open and close the pages! And a clever mini pop-up shows what looks like a pretty maiden with a veil, but when you pull open the pop-up all the way you see it is Loki the trickster god pulling off his female mask! Another mini pop-up reveals a Valkerie warrier woman on her steed galloping in the sky! Asian myths are represented by the next two pages, with a volcanic goddess named Pele who erupts into fury when the warrior she is attracted to is attracted to her sister! She explodes out of the volcano when you open these pages! The last 2 pages show Quetzalcoatl the giant god serpent of the Aztecs! And I should mention that the first pages of this book have a great pop-up figure of Anubis the Jackal headed God of death of the ancient egyptians along with a mini pop-up pyramid and a woman shaving off her eyebrows when you open the mini pop-up, to express her grief at the loss of her cat!! I anxiously wait to receive my DRAGONS AND MONSTERS POP-UP ENCYCLOPEDIA ! But I'm still waiting for that because seller swati21 put that book into the wrong package that was sent out to a Jonathan Hunsaker in Utah while I live in Uniondale, N.Y.!! Swati21's staff mixed up the ordered items and sent them to the wrong people! I got Hunsaker's order of DINOSAURS and SHARKS POP-UP ENCYCLOPEDIAS and he got my order of DRAGONS AND MONSTERS!! I had to mail Hunsaker's ordered items to him in UTAH!! So beware of seller swati21!!! Seller Bookseller USA sold me the FAIRIES AND MAGICAL CREATURES and GODS AND HEROES ENCYCLOPEDIA POP-UP books! So I recommend Bookseller USA!!

When I was younger, I loved pop ups. They were really expensive though. I tried to 'invent my own'. When I saw this on , I read all the reviews. I was really excited. I decided to splurge and pay around \$25 for one. The book did not disappoint me. It delighted my inner child. The paper engineering is fantastic. It really makes you wonder how talented and creative Matt and his team must be. I want to

meet them. I am now their biggest fan! If you are reading this Matt, teach me your ways! Seriously, I have never seen paper do the things it can do until I opened this book. You will be amazed. The colors and stories that accompany the book are also very fascinating. I learned a bit about different mythologies. I recognized a few from the East. This is definitely something special.

WOW! Matthew Reinhart has done it again! He, along with partner Robert Sabuda have, in the past, set the standard for paper engineering and artwork in their amazing repertoire of pop-up books, and this time they may well have surpassed themselves. Each spread is a lavish display of technological creativity, while at the same time imparting facts and intriguing information with the text. The little side pages which one expects to see from these artists/authors is, in this case, each a little gem unto itself. This is an amazing book. It would spoil the fun for me to describe what you will find in between its covers. Instead, I encourage you to purchase this treasure and get the enjoyment of an amazing experience for yourself. I wish I could give it twenty stars. Bravo, Matthew Reinhart! See other favorites here: [A Star Wars: A Pop-Up Guide to the Galaxy](#) [Cinderella: A Pop-Up Fairy Tale](#) [The Jungle Book: A Pop-Up Adventure \(Classic Collectible Pop-Ups\)](#) [A Pop-up Book of Nursery Rhymes \(Limited Edition\): A Classic Collectible Pop-Up](#)

Superb. The detail and ingenuity that goes into each book is incredible. We've bought [The Little Mermaid](#) and [Star Wars](#) in the same style and they are all incredibly well done. Looking at the pictures that were posted, it did not seem that there would be that much of a story, but this is not the case. These are excellent books and really great value and make excellent presents.

You know those magical pop-up books you see in animated movies or cartoons sometimes? The ones that are so elaborate and complex that they couldn't possibly exist in real life? Yeah, well, so much for that. Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda have created nothing short of magic with this three-book mythology-themed set. Each page has one large, impressive, center-piece pop-up that often extends far beyond the boundaries of the book. In addition to that there are little flaps on every page that lead to their own mini-pop-ups as well as some different stuff, such as a story that flips through the pages when you pull a tab. If you plan on getting one of these for your kid, maybe you should think twice if he/she is very young. The pop-ups are large and elaborate and, as it goes, more delicate than you may be used to. A rambunctious child could easily bend the paper which could possibly cause some of the pop-ups to fail to fold back in properly, causing even more damage. For example, there's a mansion pop-up in the Fairies

volume that will fail to fold back in if a paper tab is resting on the wrong side of another tab (they are not glued or attached in any way and it's easy to bump it and move it to the wrong side). This happened when my girlfriend and I were looking at the book for the first time and, upon noticing that the pop-up wasn't folding back in properly, we started examining it. It took probably five minutes to figure out what was wrong. That's how intricate the designs of these things are. You have been warned.

A great pop up book. I try to collect them all. I have a few more to get though. I recommend that if you collect them, get this one also

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