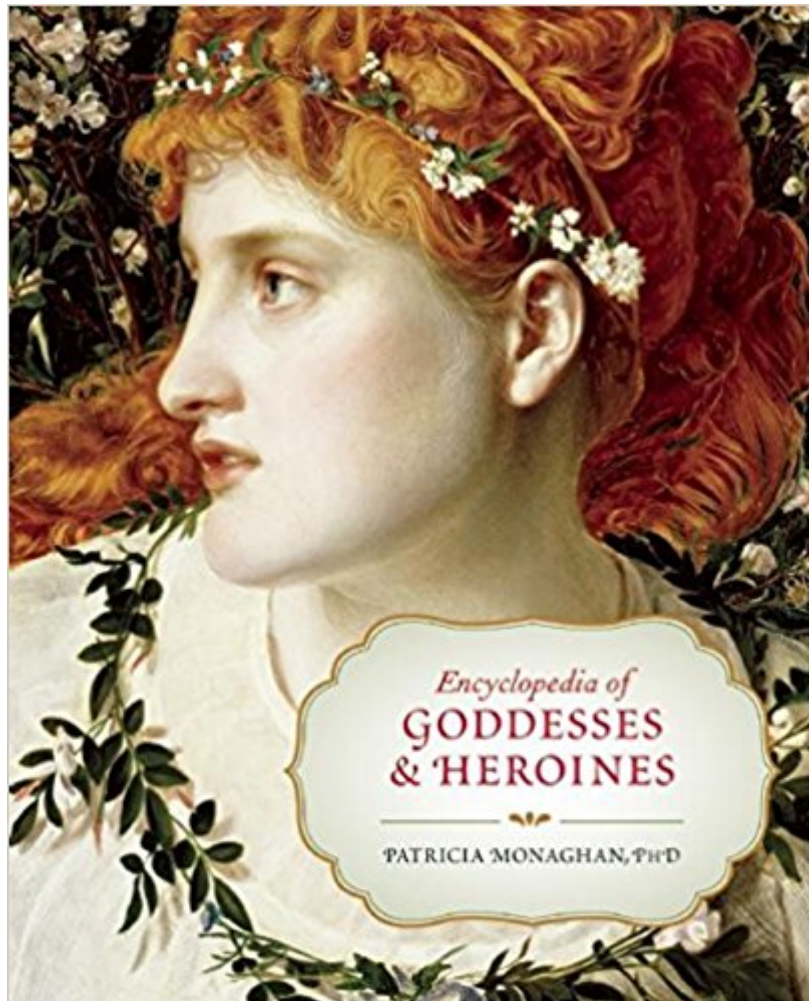




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More Than 1,000 Goddesses and Heroines from around the World Groundbreaking scholar Patricia Monaghan spent her life researching, writing about, and documenting goddesses and heroines from all religions and all corners of the globe. Her work demonstrated that from the beginning of recorded history, goddesses reigned alongside their male counterparts as figures of inspiration and awe. Drawing on anthropology, folklore, literature, and psychology, Monaghan's vibrant and accessible encyclopedia covers female deities from Africa, the eastern Mediterranean, Asia and Oceania, Europe, and the Americas, as well as every major religious tradition.

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Customer Reviews

Previously published as a two-volume set in 2009, this revised paperback edition contains more than 1,000 entries on goddesses and heroines from around the world. The material is divided into geographic sections: Africa, Eastern Mediterranean, Asia and Oceania, Europe, and The Americas. Europe is treated with the most granularity, with roughly 140 pages divided into eight subsections. The sections and subsections open with a few pages of introduction, followed by entries for each individual goddess or heroine, arranged alphabetically within each region. Entries range from a scant paragraph to nearly a page in length. Each entry has at least one source text, but a significant portion have several (more than 10 in some cases). These sources are listed in a bibliography, which lists for each region both primary sources (indicating "in translation" and

“oral” when applicable) and “other sources.” Author Monaghan was a pioneer in contemporary women’s spirituality, and her perspective here has the flavor of radical feminism, where goddesses have been lost to the repressive patriarchy. When regarded as the work of a single author, this text shows an impressive depth of knowledge; however, in its use as an actual work of reference, the exclusion of non-English references and the exclusion of online material limit the scope of this encyclopedia. The Encyclopedia of Goddesses & Heroines is a good introductory reference for students at the undergraduate level. --Emily Weak

“This beautiful volume is akin to Athena’s gift of weaving to the Greeks” provides a tapestry of glimmering threads of goddess figures from the world’s mythologies. This is an important introductory reference volume crafted with scholarship both deep and wide. Safron Rossi, PhD, editor of Joseph Campbell’s Goddesses: Mysteries of the Feminine Divine; “Something deep within every woman is healed and validated when she learns the rich feminine history of goddesses and heroines through history and their importance in all the world’s cultures. And it’s all here in this magnificent work.” Christiane Northrup, MD, ob/gyn physician and author of the New York Times bestsellers The Wisdom of Menopause and Women’s Bodies, Women’s Wisdom; “It’s really valuable to have a book describing all goddesses and heroines. I’m sure many artists will find it inspiring.” Erica Jong, author of Fear of Flying; “For almost thirty-five years, generations of students and scholars have used editions of Patricia Monaghan’s rich and detailed encyclopedias describing thousands of goddesses and heroines. This wonderful new edition contains an introduction to bring the book up-to-date, discussing the most recent finds of female figures. This will be a superb addition to anyone’s library.” Miriam Robbins Dexter, author of Whence the Goddesses: A Source Book

This is exactly what I needed as a reference book. Keep in mind; this is a reference book of various goddesses and not mythology although mythological goddesses and heroines are included in it. It doesn’t cover every goddess there ever was, but it does do a fair job. It also cross references goddesses and heroines, who may be known by different names.

I love this book! Very well rounded and informative. Goes a bit deeper than your "fluff" Goddess books. I highly recommend having this in your collection if you are inclined to understanding

women's mysteries from many different cultures.

very informative--a great resource for anyone wishing to learn more about lesser known deities from many parts of the world.

Beautiful contribution to the understanding of Goddesses. An encyclopedia, but also much more.

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