



Mystical Creatures of Ancient China

100 Fantastic Beasts from Shan Hai Jing

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- Bold black, white, red, yellow, and blue palettes inspired by traditional Chinese art, paired with whimsical, modernised creature designs
- Expertly curated with original texts, translations, folklore notes, and even pronunciations for mythical names
- Discover the inspirations behind hit TV dramas like *Ten Miles of Peach Blossoms* through these legendary beasts

Award-winning illustrator Lin Hai reimagines China's oldest mythological encyclopaedia, *Shan Hai Jing* (*Classic of Mountains and Seas*), through 100 vibrant, playful artworks with scholarly notes and cultural stories. Blending traditional aesthetics with modern charm, this book transforms ancient legends into approachable, visually stunning characters—from fluffy mountain guardians to mischievous sea spirits.

Lin Hai studied at China Academy of Art, one of China's most prestigious art schools, before becoming a professional illustrator and cultural designer. His award-winning works blend classical motifs with contemporary flair. For over a decade, he has studied *Shan Hai Jing*, transforming its ancient tales into beloved modern artworks