

Mythical Creatures






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- From dragons to unicorns: a miniature gift book on a perennially popular topic
- Features artwork in a variety of media from around the world and throughout history
- Organised by category of mythical being, with brief texts exploring the history of each

This miniature bestiary contains some 250 illustrations of more than 100 mythical beings: fire-breathing dragons, sinuous sea serpents, mischievous leprechauns, high-spirited unicorns, the lumbering Golem, fluttering fairies, and many other wondrous creatures drawn from global folklore and mythology. They are depicted in a wide variety of artistic media, from painting and sculpture to jewellery and ceramics, from ancient times to the present. An insightful text explores the history of these creatures and their cultural roles. All lovers of myth and fantasy will delight in this *Tiny Folio*.

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<p>A Favorable Sign</p> <p>This bird's name symbolizes harmony, showing how male and female, <i>feng</i> and <i>huang</i>, respectively, are one. As such, it appears on a good omen for momentous occasions—the crowning of a queen or king, or the beginning of a new era. When the bird disappears, difficult times may be ahead. This kaleidoscopic, multiheaded creature has a parrot-like beak, a duck's body, a peacock's tail, a swallow's wings, and crane-like legs.</p>  <p>FENGHUANG • Chinese (Illustration, c. 1840-1911)</p>	 <p>CHIMERA • Greek A fire-breathing creature resembling a lion, goat, and dragon. (Enamel ring, c. 1800; after Peter Paul Rubens, c. 1620)</p>	 <p>COCKATRICE • Greek-Roman This serpent-like creature causes death by its glance or breath, but dies if it has a rooster's comb. (Manuscript miniature, detail, fifteenth century)</p>	 <p>QILIN • Global The city of Nanjing, where this hand-washing tool was made, was adorned with qilins. (Aquarium, c. 1450-1950)</p>	 <p>QILIN • Global This caprine unicorn may represent the subduing of one's beloved. (Tapestry, detail, 1490-1505)</p>
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