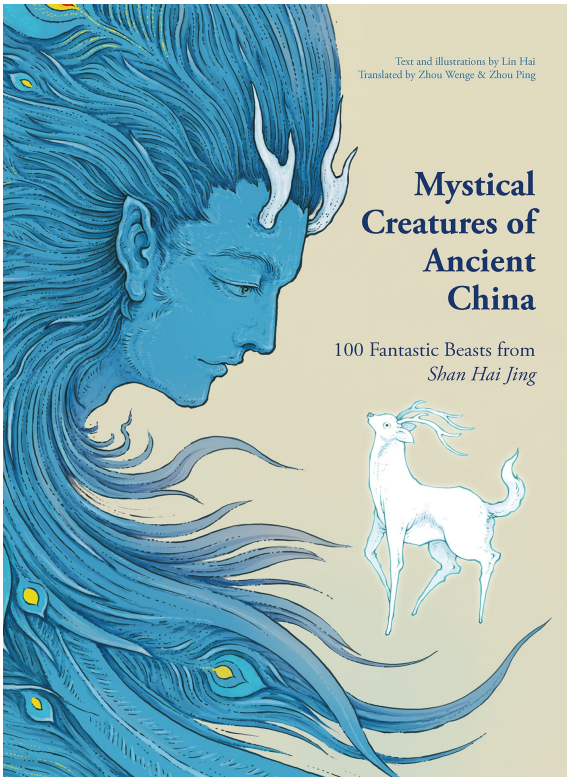
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**Lin Hai** studied at China Academy of Art, one of China's most prestigious art schools, before becoming a professional illustrator and cultural designer. His award-winning works blend classical motifs with contemporary flair. For over a decade, he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





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