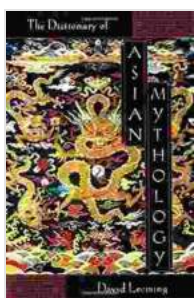


Dictionary of Asian Mythology: A Journey into the Enchanting Realms of the East

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Amaterasu

Japanese mythology: Sun goddess and supreme deity of the Shinto pantheon. She is the ancestress of the Japanese imperial family and a symbol of light, warmth, and fertility.

Etymology: From the Japanese words "*amatsu*" (heaven) and "*terasu*" (shine).

Cultural significance: Amaterasu is the most revered deity in Shintoism and is considered the protector of Japan. Her annual festival, Obon, is one of the most important holidays in the Japanese calendar.

Rama

Indian mythology: Prince of Ayodhya and the hero of the epic Ramayana. He is an incarnation of the god Vishnu and is known for his courage, righteousness, and devotion to his wife, Sita.

Etymology: From the Sanskrit word "*rama*" (pleasant).

Cultural significance: Rama is one of the most popular and revered deities in Hinduism. His story is told in countless works of art and literature, and his life and teachings are a source of inspiration for many.

Qilin

Chinese mythology: Mythical creature that represents good luck and prosperity. It is said to have the body of a deer, the head of a dragon, and the tail of an ox.

Etymology: From the Chinese words "qi" (odd) and "lin" (beast).

Cultural significance: The qilin is a symbol of great fortune and is often depicted in Chinese art and literature. It is believed that the appearance of a qilin is a sign that a wise and benevolent ruler is about to come to power.

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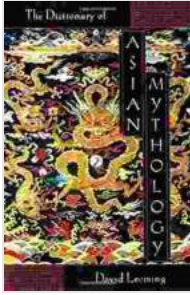
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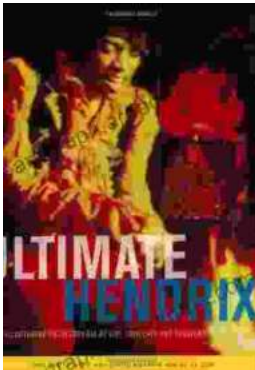
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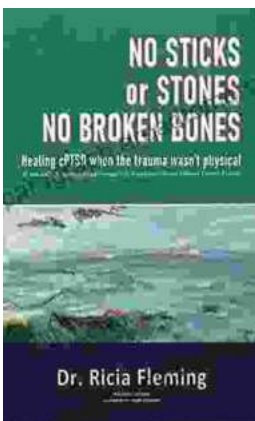


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