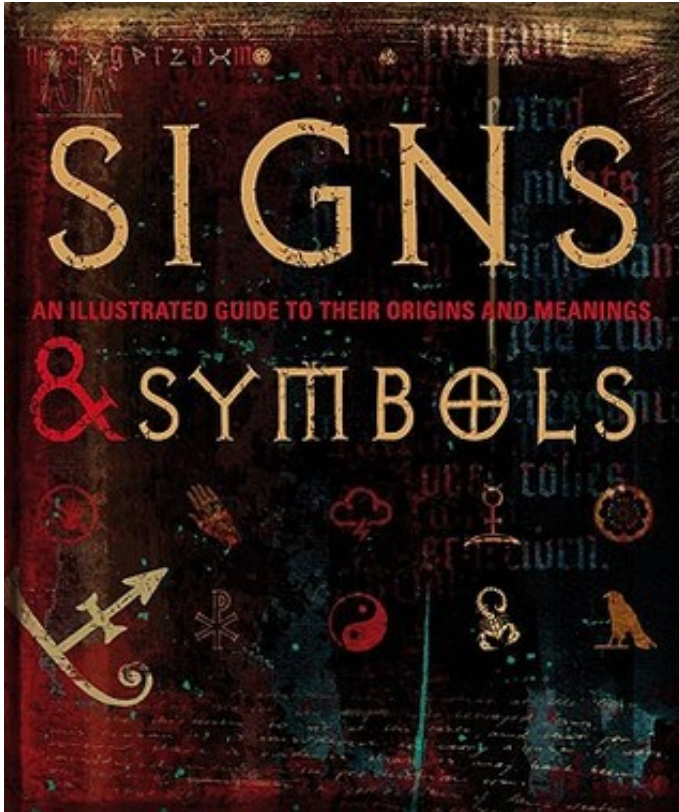

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Description

Why is a flag at half-mast a symbol of mourning? Why do brides in the West traditionally wear white, while Asian cultures associate this color with death? Discover answers to these and other mystifying questions in *Signs & Symbols*, a fully-illustrated guide that helps unlock the secret language of the signs, symbols, and traditions around us. A rich source of information for readers of all ages, this book is divided into two sections, first looking at major sources of symbols (basic shapes, colors and numbers, the natural world), then, placing symbols in context of mythologies and religions, the human life cycle, people and culture, and symbol systems. Clear cross-referencing illuminates connections between symbols, while beautiful artwork and photography make this a collector's edition to treasure.

Insightful reviews

Ines: This is a very visual book presenting the information through many beautiful illustrations, with annotations to help decode the meaning of the larger & more detailed pieces. It certainly is an inspirational work & were I able to devote more time to research, I would probably buy it to dip into.

The book is divided up into sections beginning with the Cosmos, which covers the visible planets & their satellites, natural phenomena like weather & the seasons plus a few on gold & precious stones; The Natural World, which breaks down into various animals, plants & fruit; Human Life; Myths & Religions; Society & Culture & lastly Symbol Systems (including writing, heraldry, flags, brands & logos).

It is certainly a valiant attempt to cover a vast range of information, hence the necessary brevity of each entry.

I imagine that this book would be helpful for artists, historians, spiritual seekers, researchers of the origins of myths & legends as well as a feast for the eyes of the casual reader.

It is not a 'cover to cover' read, but provides a framework for investigating your particular interest, although there may be references to the same concepts on several pages as some have global relevance in differing areas.

My only criticism would be the lack of depth of information, but it is already quite a hefty tome and it would become unwieldy were there too much added. Of course, having discovered some of the origins I can look those up in more detail elsewhere.

Alphaomega: Book of various signs and symbols..
Great source for finding mythical things...

Brian: This is a beautiful book with almost too much information. It's the kind of book you read through
Then pick it up again. The book talks about various symbols and their significance. It ranges

from religious, to everyday objects and because it is a DK book, it has a huge amount of illustrations.

Seshat: Rally solid e-book and informativ. supplies loads of history approximately varied which means approximately symbols and symptoms

Sumayyah: an excellent variation to any library.

Lovekitty: again whilst i used to be considering a fable tale of mine, I went and bought this e-book as the tale comprises many stuff that experience to do with profound which means at the back of names and things. I love how this booklet covers many alternative ideas, explaining nature, religion, magic, the sunlight and moon, etc. And exhibiting what this stuff suggest in different cultures, what they're in legends, mythology and history. i admire the representation and the format, this stuff making it a fun, effortless and fascinating learn that allows you to research whatever new.

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