



Monsters & Creatures

Acclaimed author and screen-writer Gabiann Marin unearths the fascinating and mysterious stories of legends, lore and sightings to some of the world's most famous supernatural creatures, new, old and forgotten.

From the writer of *Gods and Goddesses* (2017), comes *Monsters and Creatures* that delves into the legends of some of the world's best known and most bizarre beasts and ghastly creations, revealing the facts and the fictions. Explore the real-life origins of some of the strangest creatures ever encountered in the murky depths, in enchanted forests – and even one or two who could be lurking under your bed. Discover the real werewolves of medieval Europe, glimpse the magical history of the famed unicorn and encounter the terrifying bloodsucking dogs of Mexico.

- Have you ever wanted to track Bigfoot?
- Want to know what it's like to slay a dragon?
- Do you fantasise on the life of a vampire?
- What's the real origin to the famous Loch Ness Monster?

All these and more are found within the pages of *Monsters and Creatures*. More than a bestiary, this carefully researched book documents the mythologies, sightings and origins of over 100 weird and wonderful beasts from every continent and every time period, including modern monsters stalking us today.

All of these creatures have inspired films, books, scientific research, poems and music, as well as our collective dreams and nightmares. It's time to come meet them and find out the amazing true stories behind these legendary mythical beasts.

Key Highlights for Media

- Fourth book in the Rockpool Publishing Supernatural Series, following on from the successful *Witches and Wizards* (2016), *Aliens & the Unexplained* (2016) and *Gods & Goddesses* (2017).
- Beautifully packaged, *Gods and Goddesses* is suited to the young audience looking for something different to what's currently on the bookshelves and something to appease their appetites between popular programs such as *American Horror Story*, *Riverdale*, *The Magicians* and *Grimm*.

About the Author

Sydney-based Gabiann Marin is an award-winning author, screenwriter, editor, academic and lover of all things supernatural. Her very first stage play won the Australian Bicentennial Premier's prize and her book, *A True Person* won the international White Raven Literary award for work of outstanding merit and importance. She has written eight original works of fiction and non-fiction, many of which regularly appear on the Premier's reading lists across Australia. When not writing, Gabiann runs a successful script and story development agency through which she has edited or helped develop over 200 books, screenplays, multimedia projects and stage plays. She also teaches writing and media courses at Macquarie University and the Australian Film Television and Radio School.

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