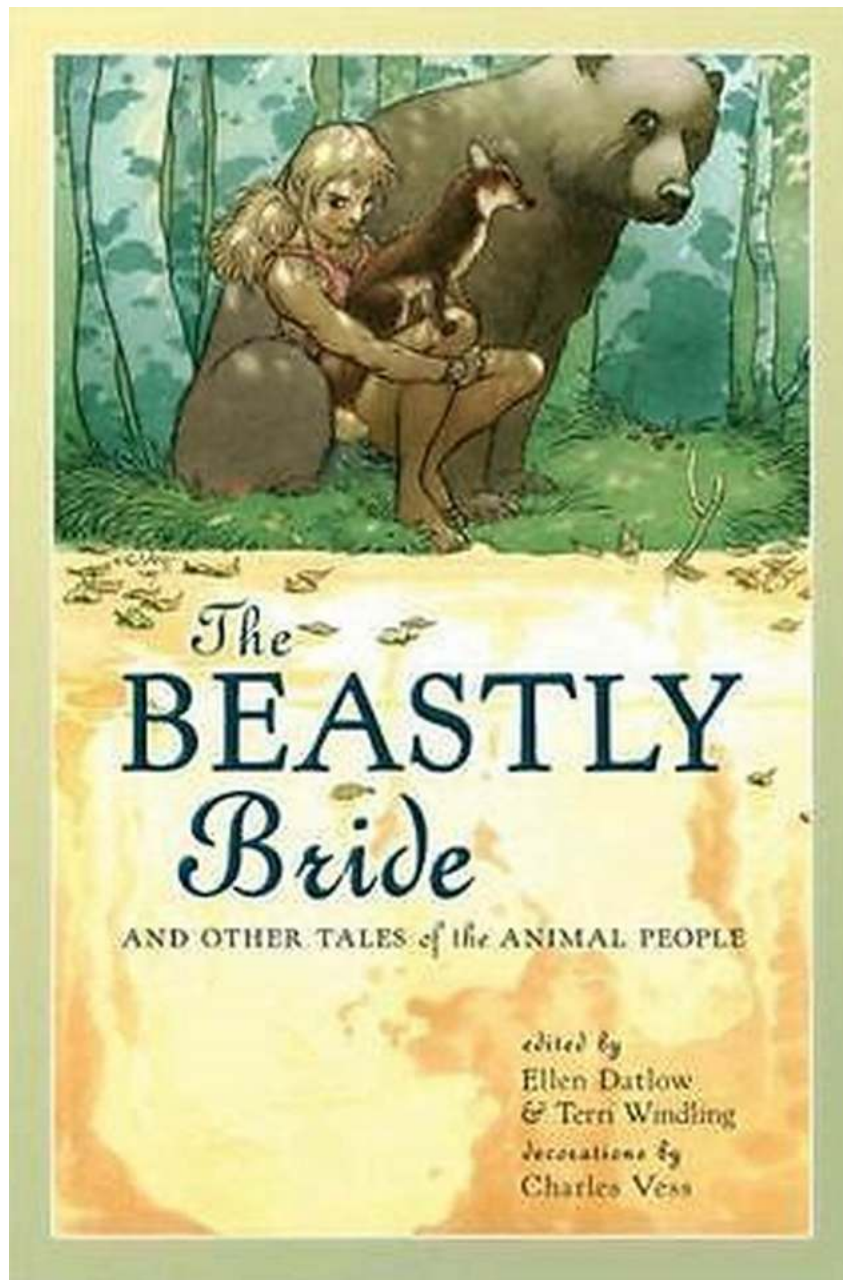


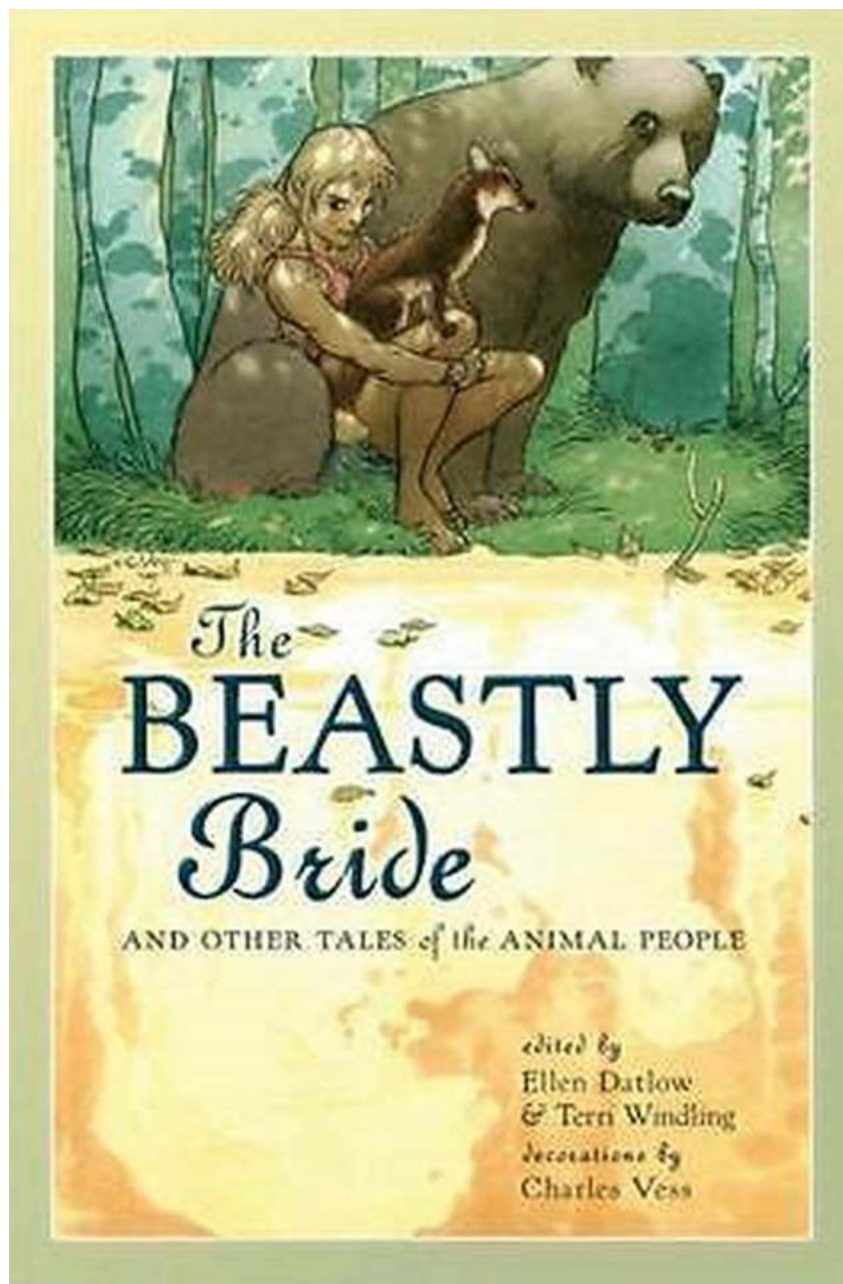
# The Beastly Bride: Tales Of The Animal People



## : Exploring the Enigmatic World of Animal People

Human beings have always been intrigued by the boundary between humanity and the animal kingdom. It is in this space of mystery and fascination that "The Beastly Bride: Tales Of The Animal People" thrives. This captivating anthology, edited by Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling, delves deep into the realm of animal-

human transformations, exploring the myriad stories and folklore from diverse cultures.



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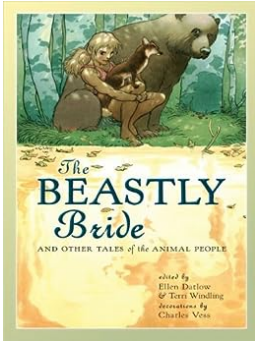
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## The Mythical Origins of Animal People

Animal-human hybrids have been a recurring theme in mythology and folklore for centuries. From the ancient Greek centaurs to the Egyptian gods depicted with animal heads, tales of half-human, half-animal beings have fascinated civilizations throughout history.

"The Beastly Bride" brings together stories from various cultures around the world, shedding light on the diverse beliefs and traditions associated with animal people. The anthology features contributions from celebrated authors like Neil Gaiman, Tanith Lee, and Jane Yolen, each offering their unique take on these captivating creatures.

## Exploring the Stories Within

Within the anthology's pages, readers are transported to different realms inhabited by beastly brides and animal companions. The tales introduce us to characters who undergo profound transformations, blurring the lines between human and animal. From shapeshifting tricksters to reluctant heroes, each story showcases the complex nature of the animal-human connection.

One particularly enchanting tale is "The Wife of Usher's Well" by Jane Yolen. This haunting story follows a grieving mother who brings her dead children back to life but at a grave price. The pain and sacrifice depicted in this story highlight the delicate balance between human desires and the unforgiving natural world.

Another captivating story, "The Tiger's Bride" by Angela Carter, takes us on an erotic journey where a young woman treads the fine line between liberation and submission. Carter's masterful storytelling confronts societal norms and challenges our perceptions of power dynamics between humans and animals.

## **The Meaning Beyond the Stories**

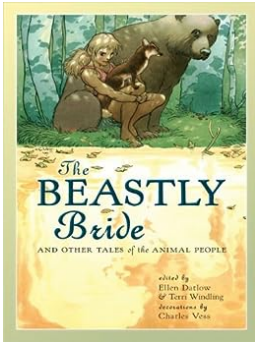
While "The Beastly Bride" offers readers an assortment of compelling narratives, it also invites deeper contemplation about the age-old questions of identity and belonging. The animal people in these stories often symbolize our inherent connection with the natural world and the animality lingering within us all.

Through these captivating stories, we are reminded that there is more to humans than what meets the eye. Just like the animal people within these tales, we possess the potential for change and transformation.

## **A Must-Read for Folklore Enthusiasts**

"The Beastly Bride: Tales Of The Animal People" is a treasure trove for those captivated by folklore, mythology, and the intricate relationship between humans and animals. The anthology weaves spirituality, desire, and the unknown into a rich tapestry of storytelling that will leave readers spellbound.

So, grab your copy of this bewitching anthology, curl up in your favorite reading corner, and prepare to dive headfirst into a world where animal people roam, influencing our understanding of what it means to be human.



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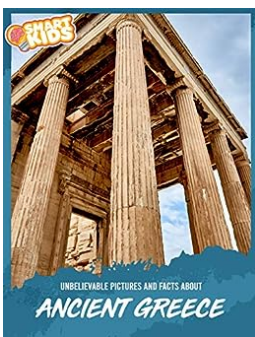
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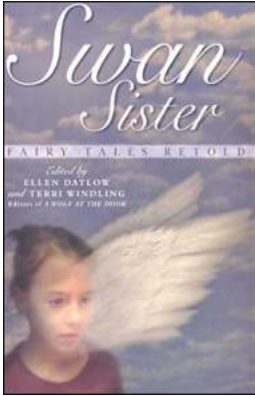
What do werewolves, vampires, and the Little Mermaid have in common? They are all shapechangers. In *The Beastly Bride*, acclaimed editors Ellen Datlow and Terri Windling bring together original stories and poems from a stellar lineup of authors including Peter S. Beagle, Ellen Kushner, Jane Yolen, Lucius Shepard, and Tanith Lee, as well as many new, diverse voices. Terri Windling provides a scholarly, yet accessible , and Charles Vess?s decorations open each story. From Finland to India, the Pacific Northwest to the Hamptons, shapechangers are part of our magical landscape?and *The Beastly Bride* is sure to be one of the most acclaimed anthologies of the year.



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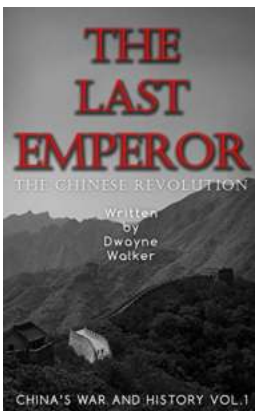
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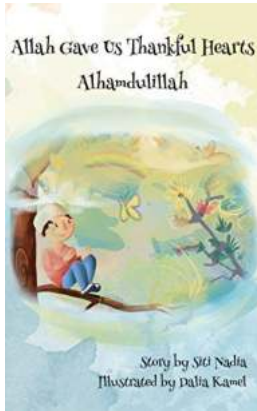
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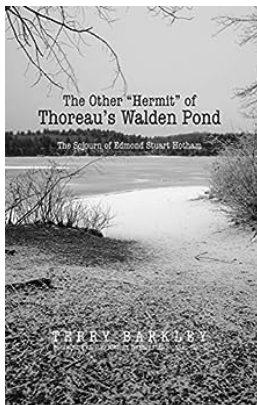
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