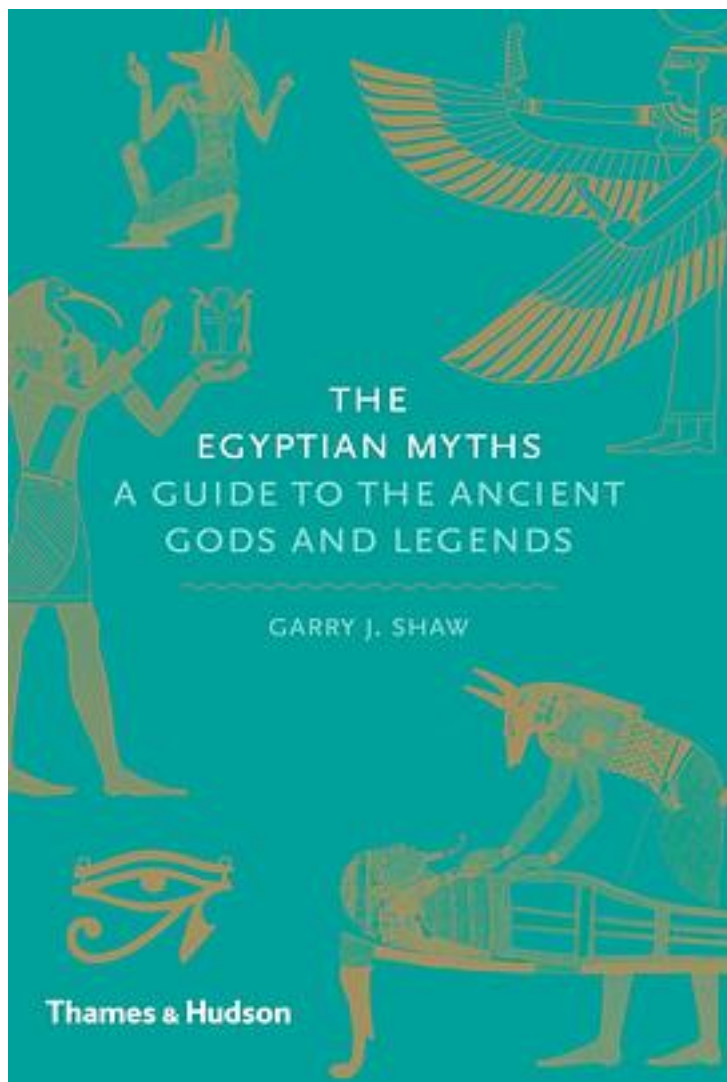


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This survey of Egyptian mythology explores how the ancient Nile-dwellers explained the world around them. It delves into the creation and evolution of the world and the reigns of the gods on earth, before introducing us to the manifestations of Egypt's deities in the natural environment; the inventive ways in which the Egyptians dealt with the invisible forces all around them; and their beliefs about life after death. Through his engaging narrative, Garry Shaw guides us through the mythic adventures of such famous deities as Osiris, the god murdered by his jealous brother Seth; the magical and sometimes devious Isis, who plotted to gain the power of the sun god Re; and Horus, who defeated his uncle Seth to become king of Egypt. He also introduces us to lesser known myths, such as the rebellions against Re; Geb's quest for Re's magical wig; and the flaying of the unfortunate god Nemty. From stars and heavenly bodies sailing on boats, to the wind as manifestation of the god Shu, to gods, goddesses, ghosts, and demons—beings that could be aggressive, helpful, wise, or dangerous—Shaw goes on to explain how the Egyptians encountered the mythological in their everyday lives.

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在我出生之前发生了什么？在我身边正在发生着什么？在我死后又会发生什么？就像今天的我们一样，埃及人也在寻找这些基本问题的答案；也像我们一样，他们在观察周围世界的基础上形成了理论。现在我们所称的“古埃及神话”，就是这些观察的结果。立足于神话，古埃及人形成了独一...

讲古埃及神话的世界观。
埃及人格化的神们跟希腊和印度诸神差不多，行为模式矛盾混乱，关系错综复杂，逻辑诡异叵测，加上不同地域又有不同的崇拜中心讲述不同的故事，流传下来的内容也支离破碎，重整后还是比较凌乱，编排上的条理也不算很清晰。大致概括一下知识点：
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在埃及人看来，一切都是周期性的。如果说北欧神话是有大结局的(诸神的黄昏就像是重启北欧神话宇宙的大事件)，那么埃及神话就是永远没有完结日的超长连续剧。埃及的神不是万能，也并非不朽，他们经常会被毁坏肉体甚至死亡。但是对埃及人而言，死亡也只是一个暂时的状态。所以你...

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