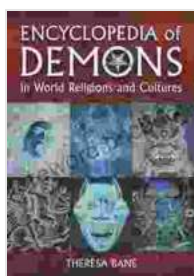


# Encyclopedia of Demons in World Religions and Cultures: An In-Depth Exploration of the Devilish and Sinister

Prepare to enter the shadowy realm of demons, where malevolent forces dwell and superstition and fear have captivated humanity for centuries. The "Encyclopedia of Demons in World Religions and Cultures" serves as an illuminating guide, delving into the depths of the demonic world across diverse religious traditions and cultural contexts.



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This comprehensive volume is a treasure trove for scholars, enthusiasts, and anyone fascinated by the supernatural. Within its pages, you will encounter a meticulously researched catalog of demons from ancient mythologies to modern folklore. Each entry unravels the origins, attributes, and sinister influences of these shadowy beings that have haunted the human psyche throughout history.

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From the infamous Devil of Christianity and the malevolent Satan in Abrahamic religions to the alluring Lilith in Jewish folklore and the enigmatic Asmodeus in Persian mythology, the encyclopedia encompasses a vast tapestry of demonic figures. You will delve into the chilling tales of Beelzebub, the Lord of the Flies, and the seductive succubus that preyed upon unsuspecting souls.

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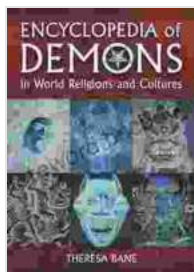
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