



Plant Lore, Legends, and Lyrics: Embracing the Myths, Traditions, Superstitions, and Folk-Lore of the Plant Kingdom (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Plant Lore, Legends, and Lyrics is a study and encyclopedia of plants with a difference: all flora in this book are paired with the famous myths and folklore they are associated with. Richard Folkard wrote his unique thesis in order to organize and present many legends and folk stories with the plants to whom they are associated. The correlations between the attributes of these old stories, and the plants themselves, are meticulously examined over the course of sixteen chapters. This book is characterized by a bold eclecticism, wherein flora in folklore is examined and interpreted from multiple angles. Folkard aptly begins with the Biblical story of the Garden of Eden, noting how plants acquired significance in mythology during earliest antiquity. The significance which the ancients applied to the plants they encountered, in particular the phenomena of the sacred trees and groves, are greatly expounded upon. We are also told how early naturalists connected certain plants to animals, providing a fertile ground from which mythic lore could root. Mythic creatures as diverse as wood nymphs, fairies, naiades and witches feature in Folkard s...



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