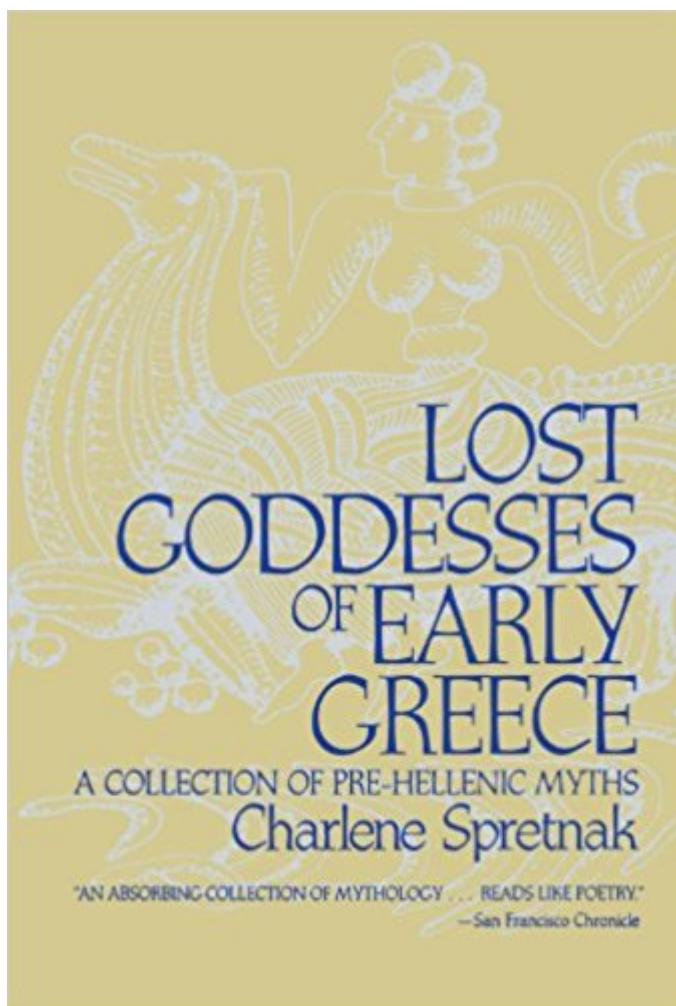


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[...]Lost Goddesses of Early Greece feature long lost stories of the early goddesses of Old Europe. It starts out with an interesting introduction that sheds light on how Ms. Spretnak researched these myths. This follows with chapters on Gaia, Pandora, Themis, Aphrodite, Triad of the Moon: Artemis, Selene & Hecate, Hera, Athena, Demeter and Persephone. The stories reveal the goddesses in their true forms before the coming of the Olympian gods. The last chapter tells an eye-opening story about Demeter and Persephone. Most people (myself included) are familiar with the mythic story of the rape of Persephone by the God of the Underworld. This book's message is that Goddess worship was around for at least 25,000 years--long before any other religion. These times were relatively peaceful times until invaders brought their warring "Zeus" god to Greece. I found this book to be interesting and it makes sense to me that the Goddess would be the first religion. I have studied the Hellenic Greek myths and it is obvious to me that the classical myths degrade women. Another point is that all of the classical writers were men. I am a believer in the theories revealed in *Lost Goddesses of Early Greece*. I highly recommend this book to those who wish to explore an unknown road in mythology. I think every female should read this book--it may be a life changing experience for some.

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Great

Very disappointing. I'd hoped this was a more informed and better researched work. The author

never explains what evidence lead her to various reinterpretations of the goddess myths she retells. I do think it is possible that the general plots of some of the myths were changed over time to reflect changing ways of life, and her reinterpretations meant to recapture the meaning of the original goddess myths are not unbelievable. However, I would have been much more interested to hear HOW she arrived at those reinterpretations. Without that crucial information, they come off as fairy stories with happier endings. It would have been better if she had cited comparable goddess myths from other cultures that had contact with Europe that line up with her re-interpretations, and then contrasted them with the version that was handed down by the Greeks, etc., and correlated the alteration with changes in culture in the Greek world that did not occur in the areas where the myths retained more aspects of their original meaning.

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