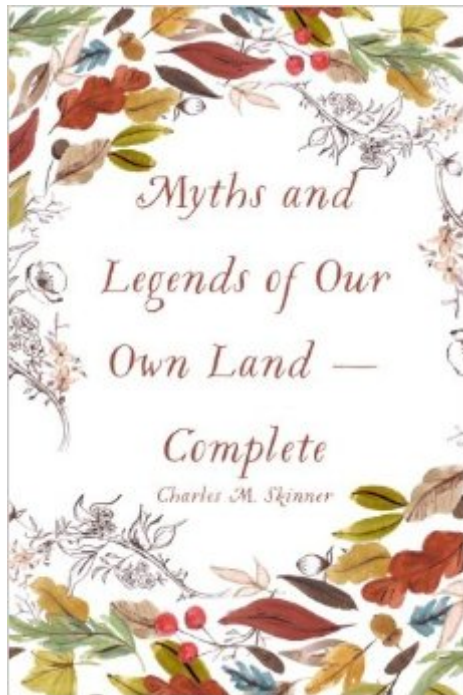


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Synopsis

Charles M. Skinner was a 19th century American writer best known for collecting and publishing myths, legends, and folklore.

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Myths and Legends of Our Own Land is a set of nine collected volumes of American folklore. Each volume contains stories from a specific region (except the last one, which is anecdotes grouped thematically). The stories are very local with specific towns and places listed, which makes it especially fun to read the stories about your region of the States. The downside to these wonderful stories is that they were written in a time when prejudice was not as frowned upon as it is today, and certain values, attitudes, and words are used that would today be avoided. But if you remember that it is a historical collection of historical tales, you should not be offended. This complete book has an active table of contents. If you prefer, each volume is also available individually (but without an active ToC) for the Kindle.

It looks like something someone put together in the basement because it doesn't look as fancy as the books in the bookstores but I don't care because it was interesting, a great price and the author did his research. I would buy off of this author again. It's actually a rather large paperback book, about the size of one of my college math books so it's a pretty big and thick book. I like that it has stories about my area and I'm in a small town in the middle of nowhere so that is what made me buy it. It has every state, I believe, and a lot of neat little urban legends.

Informative but appallingly dull book on various legends of the continental US. Very dated (obviously), but does give some interesting gleamings into the history of the country, through the various Native peoples and settlers. The book is also heavily weighted toward the East Coast states and territories. The anecdotes are more along the lines of Native American legends and ghost stories told by the US settlers. There's an interesting chapter near the end on sea monsters and the like, as well.

I have a copy of the 1896 publication of this book. I adore fairytales, myths and superstitions, so this was right up my alley. This is a collection of American folktales, organized by region. The stories are dated, of course, but I am so glad he recorded these before they were lost in time. If you like this genre, you should definitely get a copy of this book, as well as his other book about plant legends.

Anyone who loves the old stories of our land will love this book. Glad these old stories are still written down, to be passed on forever. Story lovers, history buffs anyone who loves a wonderful story, get this book.

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