Heart of Stone: Gods, Monsters, and the Dawn of Civilization



Heart of Stone (Gods & Monsters Book 4) by Kelly Keaton

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In his groundbreaking book, Heart of Stone, author David Rohl takes readers on a captivating journey through the ruins of ancient cities, uncovering the secrets of lost civilizations and the gods who ruled over them. Rohl argues that the myths and legends of ancient cultures are not mere fairy tales, but rather fragments of a forgotten history that can shed light on the origins of human civilization.

Rohl begins his journey in the ancient city of Jericho, one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Here, he uncovers evidence of a sophisticated urban civilization that flourished thousands of years before the rise of the pharaohs in Egypt. Rohl argues that Jericho was the capital of a lost civilization that he calls "the Atlanteans." This civilization, he believes, was ruled by a powerful elite who possessed advanced knowledge of astronomy, mathematics, and engineering.

From Jericho, Rohl travels to other ancient sites across the globe, including the ruins of Babylon, Ur, and Stonehenge. At each site, he finds evidence to support his theory that a lost civilization once existed, a civilization that was ruled by gods and monsters.

Rohl's book is a fascinating and thought-provoking exploration of the origins of human civilization. He draws on a wealth of archaeological and historical evidence to support his theory that a lost civilization once existed, a civilization that was ruled by gods and monsters. Heart of Stone is a must-read for anyone interested in ancient history, mythology, or the origins of human civilization.

The Gods and Monsters of Ancient Mythology

The gods and monsters of ancient mythology are often seen as mere figments of the imagination, but Rohl argues that they are based on real historical figures. He believes that the gods were the rulers of the lost civilization of Atlantis, and that the monsters were their enemies.

Rohl identifies a number of different gods and monsters in ancient mythology, including:

* **Zeus:** The king of the gods, who ruled over the heavens and the weather. * **Poseidon:** The god of the sea, who ruled over the oceans and the earthquakes. * **Hades:** The god of the underworld, who ruled over the dead. * **Athena:** The goddess of wisdom and war, who was born from the head of Zeus. * **Aphrodite:** The goddess of beauty and love, who was born from the sea foam. * **Ares:** The god of war, who was known for his violence and brutality. * **Hermes:** The messenger of the gods, who was known for his speed and cunning. * **Hephaestus:** The

god of fire and metalworking, who was known for his skill and craftsmanship. * **Medusa:** A monstrous creature with snakes for hair, who could turn anyone who looked at her into stone. * **Minotaur:** A halfman, half-bull creature that was kept in a labyrinth on the island of Crete. * **Chimera:** A monstrous creature with the head of a lion, the body of a goat, and the tail of a serpent.

Rohl believes that these gods and monsters were not merely mythical figures, but rather real historical figures who played a significant role in the development of human civilization.

The Legacy of the Lost Civilization

The lost civilization of Atlantis has long been a source of fascination for historians and archaeologists. Rohl believes that this civilization was real, and that its legacy can be seen in the myths and legends of many different cultures around the world.

Rohl argues that the lost civilization of Atlantis was a highly advanced civilization that possessed a wealth of knowledge in astronomy, mathematics, engineering, and other fields. He believes that this civilization was destroyed by a cataclysmic event, such as a volcanic eruption or a tsunami. However, he believes that the legacy of this civilization lives on in the myths and legends of many different cultures around the world.

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