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Jay Ansill : Mythical Beings (Origami Today) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mythical Beings (Origami Today):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful, but difficult - not for beginners By Gagewyn The patterns contained here are: Ouroboros, Wizard and Witch, Winged Dragon, Gargoyle, Daedalus, Pegasus, Flapping Dragon, Woodland Elf, Centaur, Rearing Dragon, Shiva, Unicorn, Long-tailed Dragon and Cererus. Each of these designs is a beautiful conversation piece. Each is also frustrating and difficult to fold. These are for advanced folders. Many of these designs are for animals that have four legs. If you have folded a four legged animal before then you know what I am talking about. Its tricky. If you have never attempted a four legged animal then you are probably not at the level to use this book. I thought that the difficulty I had folding these was because of the complexity of the pieces. Reading other comments here about the inaccurate diagrams has inspired me to try and reattempt some of these intuitively. Whatever my problem was it is likely to be a problem for you too, so be careful unless you are the origami champ. Throughout the book are full page color pictures of each creature you could fold. These made it clearer to see where I was going and help motivationally. Each is posed in a little mythical scene. I think that I was not at a level for this book. I am intermediate at origami and usually can work through more difficult patterns after a few attempts. This book is a wonderful book if you are advanced at origami, but not for beginner and barely for intermediate. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Good models, but ... By Tina Lentz Well, this is a really tough one to rate: The models warrant 5 stars, while the presentation is more like 1 star... I've ended up giving it 3 stars because the models are really more important to me - even if I have to muddle through the diagrams for a long time. Here's what to

expect before you try tracking this book down: First off, DON'T get this book if you're a beginner or if you're buying for a beginner! Anyone who's not a pretty advanced folder will only end up thoroughly frustrated, no matter how much he or she likes the topic of the book. That's not so much because of the complexity of the models (although some of them are definitely at a high-intermediate level) but because of the diagrams. Errors and inaccuracies abound, sometimes even stumping the most experienced of folders. On top of that, the photos are mostly pretty horrible, so much so that I've heard from others who haven't been inspired to fold from this book at all. And that's really too bad! The 15 models included are very nice, it's just hard to actually complete them using the diagrams provided... Just to give you a taste of the quality of the models: Among the authors who have contributed their models are Robert Lang, Gabriel Alvarez (featuring a great Daedalus!), Neal Elias, Robert Neal and Marc Kirschenbaum. So, if you're an advanced folder, by all means, try to track down a copy of this small book, but be prepared to be frustrated by the diagrams nonetheless. Otherwise, I'm sorry to say you'll be better off with a different book (say by John Montroll or Robert Lang).

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful book
By yoyoman62002I would highly recommend this book for all ages. This is the book that introduced me to origami was I was young, and left me wanting more. It is true some of the diagrams in the book are indeed poorly done, but this is far outranked by how wonderful the models are. From memory (and I haven't looked at this book in years) there is a witch/wizard, a yuanboa, centaur, woodland elf, the best bird base dragon ever designed, a flapping dragon, a rearing dragon, a pegasus, cerberus, shiva, and a really awesome daedalus and my personal favorite the gargoyle that is on the front cover. This book has something for everyone in it so I highly recommend it.

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