

CYCLOPAEDIA 12 — FAIRIES

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OVERVIEW

Fairies (also called Aos Si, changelings, fae, fair folk, fay, hidden people, little folk, Seelie, Sidhe, Tuatha Dé Danann, Unseelie, Wee Folk, and many other names) are magical beings spoken of in folklore, myths, and legends across Europe. The strongest origin of fairies is within Celtic and Germanic folklore which most often people identify as fairies in literature, cinema, and other media. Other nationalities and cultures have their own versions of fairies such as the Aziza of Africa, Mogwai of China, Yōkai and Yōsei of Japan, and Zână of the Roman Empire.

Fairies are often known for their magical abilities (especially illusions), ancient and immortal, emotional and sometimes moody, often immature and playful, vindictive, and lovers or haters of creativity and beauty.

Fairies and Fairy Tales are often associated with each other with overlap from Beast Fables and Folklore. Grimm's Fairy Tales and Aesop's Fables mix and match between children's stories, beast fables, and fairies from folklore often to portray some moral, religious, or political message. Today, most fantasy literature, cinema, and games depend upon fairies as part of their fictional world and aesthetic.

There are those who believe fairies do exist and impact the world around us. The misplaced keys were hidden by an upset house brownie, the tractor that won't start is because a gremlin has gummed up the engine, and the fairy rings we see in grassy

fields are gateways to the hidden world of the fairies.

MOST COMMON FAIRIES?

Throughout European folklore and fiction are many definitions of what is and is not a fairy. Though some in this list may be argued to be more monsters or myths, most readers would tend to agree these are common types of fairies.

- Banshee
- Boggart
- Brownie
- Dwarf
- Elf
- Faun
- Giant
- Gnome
- Goblin
- Gremlin
- Hobgoblin
- Leprechaun
- Mermaid
- Nymph
- Pixie
- Selkie
- Siren
- Sprite
- Sylph
- Troll
- Will o' the Wisp

Following are sources of information pertaining to Fairies to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

Dealing with Victorian Fairies

By Susina, Jan

Source: Children's Literature, 28, no. 1 (2000): 230-237

Fairies, mermaids, mothers, and princesses: Sexual difference and gender roles in peter pan

By H.E., Shipley

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The Fantastic Imagination

By MacDonald, George

Source: Introduction from The Light Princess and other Fairy Tales, also reprinted in a Dish of Orts

Ghosts, Fairies, Elves, and Nymphs: Towards a Semantic Template for Non-Human Being Concepts

By Habib, Sandy

Source: Australian Journal of Linguistics, v31 n4 (December 2011): 411-443

Greek Legends about Fairies and Related Tales of Magic

By Angelopoulos, Anna

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Logic of Fairies

By Rak, Michele

Source: ROMANIC REVIEW, 99, no. 3/4, (2008): 297-316

On Fairy-Stories

By Tolkien, J.R.R.

Source: The Tolkien Reader

Why Do People Believe in Gods? And Ghosts, Angels, Demons, Fairies, Goblins, and Other Imagined Conspiracies?

By Bakker, Gary M

Source: Skeptical inquirer, 39, no. 1, (2015): 38-43

BOOKS

Artemis Fowl

By Colfer, Eoin

The Chronicles of Narnia

By Lewis, C.S.

The Coming of the Fairies

By Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan

Daemonologie

By James, King

The Dresden Files: Summer Knight

By Butcher, Jim

An Encyclopedia of Fairies: Hobgoblins, Brownies, Bogies, & Other Supernatural Creatures

By Briggs, Katharine

The Faerie Queene

By Spenser, Edmund

Fairy and Folk Tales of the Irish Peasantry

By Yeats, W.B.

Fairy-Faith in Celtic Countries: The Classic Study of Leprechauns, Pixies, and Other Fairy Spirits

By Evans-Wentz, Walter

Farmer Giles of Ham

By Tolkien, J.R.R.

Flower Fairies of the Summer

By Barker, Cicely Mary

The Goblin Companion: A Field Guide to Goblins

By Froud, Brian and Jones, Terry

A History of Irish Fairies

By White, Carolyn

The Hobbit

By Tolkien, J.R.R.

Fairy Mythology

By Keightley, Thomas

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Fairies

By Franklin, Anna

King of Elfland's Daughter

By Lord Dunsany

Lady Cottington's Pressed Fairy Book

By Jones, Terry

Le Morte d'Arthur

By Malory, Sir Thomas

Liber de Nymphis, sylphis, pygmaeis et salamandris et de caeteris spiritibus

By Paracelsus

The Lilac Fairy Book

By Lang, Andrew

The Light Princess and other Fairy Tales

By MacDonald, George

The Little White Bird

By Barrie, J.M.

The Lord of the Rings

By Tolkien, J.R.R.

A Midsummer's Night Dream

By Shakespeare, William

Nimphidia

By Drayton, Michale

Peter and Wendy

By Barrie, J.M.

Puck of Pook's Hill

By Kipling, Rudyard

The Princess and the Goblin

By MacDonald George

The Secret Commonwealth of Elves, Fauns and Fairies

By Kirk, Robert

Seeing Fairies: From the Lost Archives of the Fairy Investigation Society, Authentic Reports of Fairies in Modern Times

By Johnson, Marjorie

The Spiderwick Chronicles

By Black, Holly and DiTerlizzi, Tony

Tales of Pixie Hollow

By Thorpe, Kiki and Driscoll, Laura (and more)

Troublesome Things: a history of fairies and fairy stories

By Purkiss, Diane

The World Guide to Gnomes, Fairies, Elves, and Other Little People

By Keightley, Thomas

GAMES

Adventures in Middle Earth - RPG
Changeling: The Dreaming - RPG
Deliria - RPG
The Dresden Files Cooperative Card Game -
Tabletop Game
Dresden Files RPG - RPG
ElfQuest - RPG
Goblins Drool, Fairies Rule! - Tabletop Game
Jim Henson's Labyrinth: The Board Game -
Tabletop Game
The Legend of Zelda - Computer Game
Once Upon A Time - Tabletop Game
The One Ring - RPG
Shadowrun - RPG
Small World - Tabletop Game
Smash Up - Tabletop Game
Terra Mystica - Tabletop Game
Touhou Project - Computer Game
Warcraft - Computer Game
Warhammer - Tabletop Game
World of Warcraft - Computer Game

CINEMA

The 10th Kingdom
Ah! My Goddess: The Movie
*The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the
Witch and the Wardrobe*
Darby O'Gill and the Little People
Elf
The Fairies - TV Show
FairyTale: A True Story
FernGully
Grimm - TV Show
Hellboy II: The Golden Army
Hook
Into the Woods
Jack the Giant Killer
Labyrinth
Legend

Leprechaun
Maleficent
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Mirror, Mirror
The NeverEnding Story
Once Upon A Time - TV Show
Pan
Pan's Labyrinth
Peter Pan
Pixie Hollow
Rise of the Guardians
The Secret of Roan Inish
The Spiderwick Chronicles
Splash
Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Tinker Bell
Willow
Winx Club - Cartoon

LOCATIONS

Fairy Doors of Ann Arbor
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fairy_Doors_of_Ann_Arbor

The Fairy Museum - California
<http://www.thefairymuseum.com/>

The National Leprechaun Museum
<http://www.leprechaunmuseum.ie/>

PEOPLE

Aesop
Brothers Grimm
J.M. Barrie
Tony DiTerlizzi
Thomas Keightley
George MacDonald
C.S. Lewis
J.R.R. Tolkien