



A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas

Download now

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas

A Chinese Bestiary presents a fascinating pageant of mythical creatures from a unique and enduring cosmography written in ancient China. The *Guideways through Mountains and Seas*, compiled between the fourth and first centuries b.c.e., contains descriptions of hundreds of fantastic denizens of mountains, rivers, islands, and seas, along with minerals, flora, and medicine. The text also represents a wide range of beliefs held by the ancient Chinese. Richard Strassberg brings the *Guideways* to life for modern readers by weaving together translations from the work itself with information from other texts and recent archaeological finds to create a lavishly illustrated guide to the imaginative world of early China.

Unlike the bestiaries of the late medieval period in Europe, the *Guideways* was not interpreted allegorically; the strange creatures described in it were regarded as actual entities found throughout the landscape. The work was originally used as a sacred geography, as a guidebook for travelers, and as a book of omens. Today, it is regarded as the richest repository of ancient Chinese mythology and shamanistic wisdom. The *Guideways* may have been illustrated from the start, but the earliest surviving illustrations are woodblock engravings from a rare 1597 edition. Seventy-six of those plates are reproduced here for the first time, and they provide a fine example of the Chinese engraver's art during the late Ming dynasty.

This beautiful volume, compiled by a well-known specialist in the field, provides a fascinating window on the thoughts and beliefs of an ancient people, and will delight specialists and general readers alike.

 [Download A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Gu ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas

From reader reviews:

Richard Slawson:

The book A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas make you feel enjoy for your spare time. You need to use to make your capable much more increase. Book can being your best friend when you getting tension or having big problem with the subject. If you can make looking at a book A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas for being your habit, you can get far more advantages, like add your own personal capable, increase your knowledge about some or all subjects. It is possible to know everything if you like start and read a book A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas. Kinds of book are several. It means that, science e-book or encyclopedia or other folks. So , how do you think about this reserve?

Charles Owens:

The knowledge that you get from A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas is a more deep you excavating the information that hide in the words the more you get thinking about reading it. It does not mean that this book is hard to know but A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas giving you thrill feeling of reading. The author conveys their point in selected way that can be understood through anyone who read the idea because the author of this reserve is well-known enough. This particular book also makes your own personal vocabulary increase well. It is therefore easy to understand then can go together with you, both in printed or e-book style are available. We advise you for having this A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas instantly.

Edward Lott:

The particular book A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas will bring one to the new experience of reading the book. The author style to explain the idea is very unique. If you try to find new book to study, this book very appropriate to you. The book A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book from official web site, so you can more easily to read the book.

Dorcas Rogers:

Do you really one of the book lovers? If yes, do you ever feeling doubt when you are in the book store? Try to pick one book that you find out the inside because don't determine book by its include may doesn't work the following is difficult job because you are frightened that the inside maybe not because fantastic as in the outside seem likes. Maybe you answer may be A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas why because the great cover that make you consider with regards to the content will not disappoint you actually. The inside or content will be fantastic as the outside or cover. Your reading

6th sense will directly make suggestions to pick up this book.

**Download and Read Online A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures
from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas**

#ZV4YLDF1NIO

Read A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas for online ebook

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas books to read online.

Online A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas ebook PDF download

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas Doc

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas Mobipocket

A Chinese Bestiary : Strange Creatures from the Guideways Through Mountains and Seas EPub