



Title: Snake

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Description:

Feared and worshiped in equal measure, snakes have captured the imagination of poets, painters, and philosophers for centuries. From Ice Age cave drawings to Snakes on a Plane, this creature continues to enthrall the public. But what harm has been caused by our mythologizing? While considering the dangers of stigma, Erica Wright moves from art and pop culture to religion, fetish, and ecologic disaster. This book considers how the snake has become more symbol than animal, a metaphor for how we treat whatever scares us the most, whether or not our panic is justified.

Reviews

Chapter 16:

Deeply personal and highly readable...The navigation among such disparate topics, often at a rapid pace, is decidedly easy going, which has to be attributed to Wright's accessible and captivating voice...Snake is full of power, packed with sobering reminders about the human-animal relationship and our responsibility in maintaining it. After all, as Wright reminds us, just because we don't understand something doesn't mean we have to fear it.