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Dibben!



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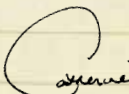
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This is one issue you won't want to leave at home! Make sure you bring your copy of *remus* with you to the British Museum and follow the *Australia Landscape* trail on page 8. You can check out some of the Museum's new objects on page 11 which are showing in a free exhibition. Don't forget to bring your dilly bag with you – if you don't know what that is, turn to page 7 to find out.



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The British Museum Friends would like to send out more information about activities by email in future. To help us, we need your email address. Make sure your parent or guardian has filled in their details below*, cut out and post this to the address above

Young Friend's name _____

Parent/guardian's email _____

I consent to the British Museum Friends contacting me on behalf of the Young Friend on the email address stated above.

* For full Terms and Conditions on the British Museum Friends' Privacy Policy, visit the Young Friends section at britishmuseum.org

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A space of your own

Make sure you don't miss out on the latest events and competitions through your very own area on the British Museum's website.

Visit britishmuseum.org/membership

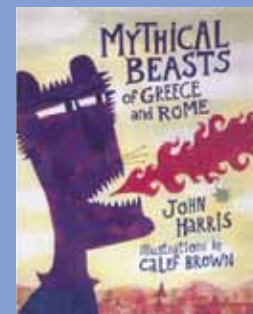
Plus, do you know about the Young Explorers area on the BM website? Check it out for games and family fun.



THE INSIDE SCOOP BOOK review



by Jacob Lyttle



I think this book by John Harris is amazing. The book describes 20 different mythical beasts of Greece and Rome. Each beast has a double-sided page, a description and a brilliant illustration.

My favourite beast is the Cyclops because I love the story about Odysseus. My favourite illustration is the Chimera, the one on the front cover. I like the deep colours on his head – purple, blue and orange – and how the illustrator uses the paint to look like patch-

work. The way he uses all the beasts is outstanding. There is a quiz at the end of the book to test your knowledge of mythical creatures. I knew some of the beasts from school, but I also learnt new things. For example the word 'panic' comes from the name of the god Pan, who would scare people and they would panic. I recommend this book to everybody.

Mythical Beasts of Greece and Rome, by John Harris and illustrations by Calef Brown, British Museum Press £8.99



People display their identity in all sorts of ways. Some of those ways are through clothing and accessories. In an area of the world called the Balkans – Macedonia, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Albania and northern Greece – clothes say a lot about the lifestyle of a group of people, their beliefs and even the geography of their land.

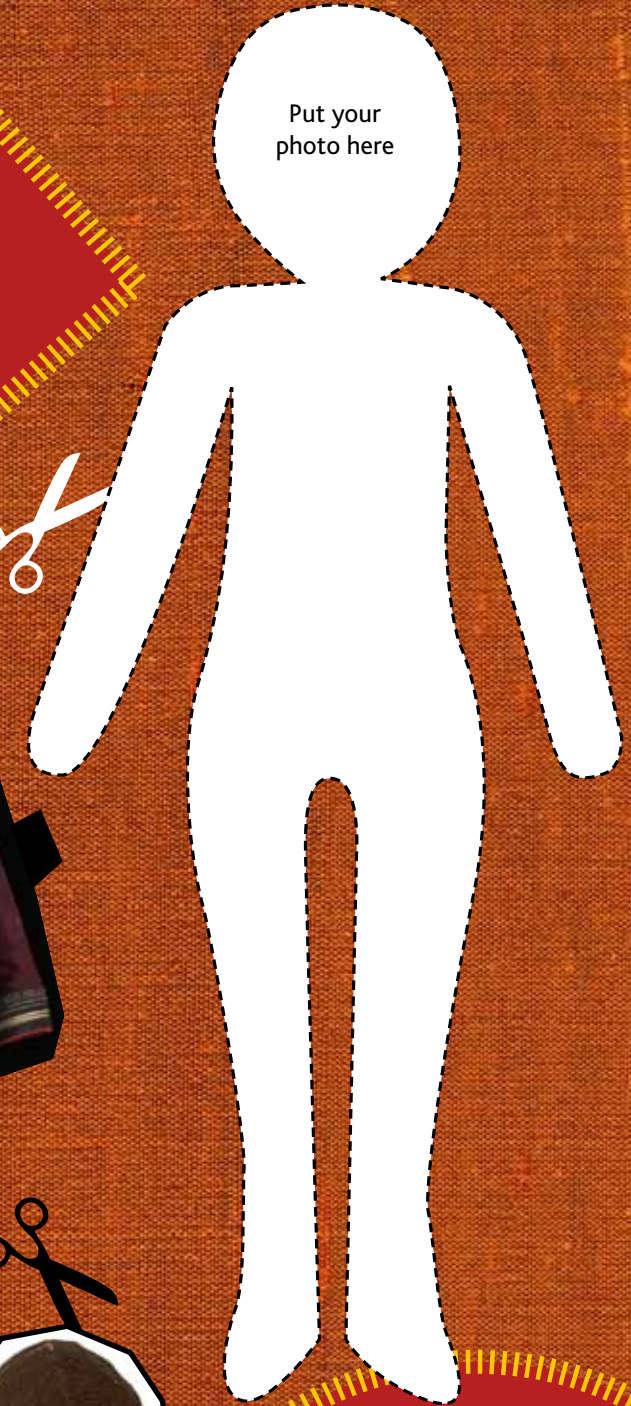
Dress it up!

Cut out a picture of yourself and one of these outfits and see what you look like in Balkan costume!

Put your photo here

These two outfits are wedding costumes from the early part of the 20th century in what is now the Republic of Macedonia.

This bridal costume is made of ten different layers! Each layer has a different meaning, with red being the special colour of marriage.



Pop into Room 2 for a visual treat and learn more about costumes from the area – it's a free display called, *Traditional jewellery and dress from the Balkans*, to 11 September

EVENTS

Viking invasion

Saturday 25 June,
14.00–18.00
(with a break,
please provide
your own snacks)
Clare Education Centre

Discover why Vikings were such successful invaders. Get hands on with weaponry and armour. Create some essentials in order to survive in Viking settlements. Then enjoy 'Thor in the Norse World: dynamic stories with Ben Haggarty' in the BP Lecture Theatre.

Children £12,
180 child/adult places

Medieval sleeper

Saturday 20 August,
18.15 – Sunday
21 August, 09.00

Come and join us at this medieval sleeper. You'll be delving into the Middle Ages, exploring pious pilgrimages and medieval merriment, exploring the world before the printed word and when stories of trolls and monsters were told as true.

Children/adults £32.50,
250 places

Time travelling at the British Museum!

Saturday 24 September
14.00–19.00 (with a
break, please provide
your own snacks)
Clare Education Centre

Join *The History Keepers* author Damian Dibben to celebrate the launch of his new children's book. Travel through centuries of world cultures and see

what you discover during this afternoon of historical time-travelling activities! Discover secrets about the centuries featured in the book and listen to excerpts read by Damian himself. Plus each Young Friend goes away with a goodie bag.

Children £12,
180 child/adult places

Australia sleeper
Saturday 9 July, 18.15 –
Sunday 10 July, 09.00

Travel Down Under at this Australia-themed sleeper and experience the sights, sounds

and stories of Australia. Then venture out at night to explore *Australia Landscape* – don't forget your torch!

Children/adults £32.50,
250 places

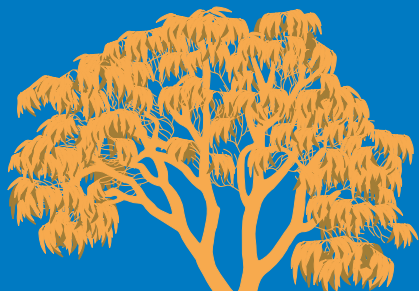


Illustration of a Eucalyptus tree by Ian Bilbey.

HOW TO BOOK

- ▶ Bookings for events made up to 3 July will be accepted by post only to ensure fair ticket allocation.
- ▶ Bookings made after this date will be accepted by phone by calling 020 7323 8195.
- ▶ Please post back the booking form which accompanies this issue of the magazine.
- ▶ Guests permitted at sleepovers only.
- ▶ Events places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children must be accompanied by an adult for all activities.

Visit the Young Friends area at britishmuseum.org for FAQs and details on sleepovers.