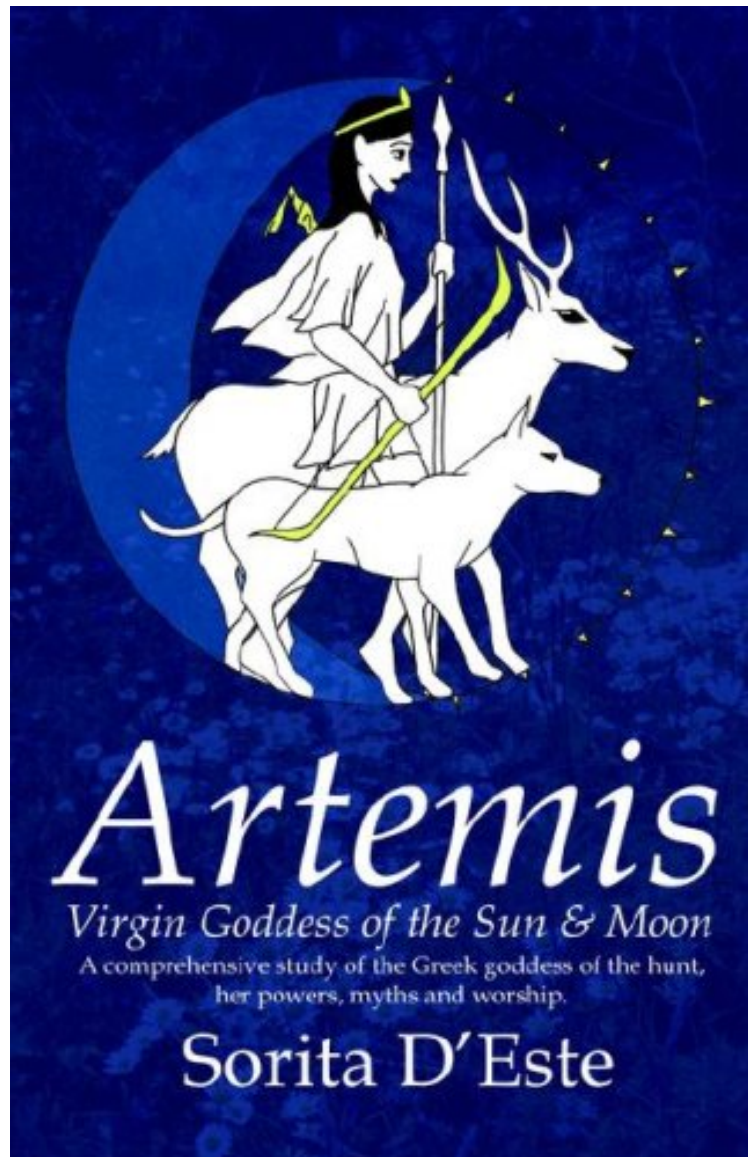


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The goddess Artemis is best known today as a goddess of the hunt and of the new moon, yet to those who worshipped at her ancient temples and sanctuaries she was far more than just that. To them she was a powerful and complex goddess whose influence spread far and wide throughout the ancient world. She was worshipped and celebrated as a goddess of childbirth, women, song, dance and of wild animals. As the daughter of the Titan goddess Leto by the Olympian Father god Zeus, Artemis would prove herself from the moment of her own birth, by assisting her mother with the birth of her own twin brother, Apollo. Zeus, who fathered children with many other goddesses and mortals, had a special affection for Artemis from the start and gave her all the gifts she asked for and more, making her one of the most powerful of the Olympian goddesses. Artemis, Virgin Goddess of the Sun Moon by Sorita D'Este, explores the myths, powers and worship of this beautiful goddess. It is a thorough study with details of her temples and sanctuaries, the festivals which were held in honour of her, the roles she fulfilled in the myths, animals which were sacred to her, her relationship with her virgin attendants and other deities, as well as the many titles which were bestowed upon her. This groundbreaking book provides the most comprehensive study of this enduring goddess to date. ----- About the Author Sorita D'Este is a writer and researcher who lives and works in London, UK. She has a passion for the mysteries and gods of the western world and much of her work is focused on the spiritual and magical practices of ancient Greece, Rome and Britain. She is the co-author of *The Guises of the Morrigan and Circle of Fire*. Additionally she is a regular contributor to magazines, part works and journals, including DeAgostini's *Enhancing your Mind Body Spirit* and *Llewellyn's Annuals*.

From the Back CoverBy telling the stories of Artemis and presenting information from writers who cover a period of well over a thousand years, Artemis emerges in a wide range of roles. She is a goddess of childbirth, and a goddess of song and dance. Her attributes encompass many solar qualities, as well as showing her association with water and a wide range of animals and plants. Although the modern view of Artemis is often simplistic, in fact she is a complex and powerful goddess who has drawn together a multitude of strands and spread her influence far and wide. Thus in Artemis we see combined the fruition of the early Minoan Lady of the Beasts with the fertile power of the early goddesses of Ephesus. Artemis brought together the powers of life and death, aiding childbirth and hunting wild animals, the joy of song and dance with the wildness of nature untamed. Worshipped by young girls and warriors alike, Artemis spread her net of beauty and might through every level of Greek society. Today her golden arrows still pierce the hearts of many, enflaming us with her "fiery winged rays" and making us look for the joy and beauty in everything, accepting that like Artemis, we can draw strength from how we act, and from the bonds of family and friends. The untameable huntress still roams the wild places, but now she also draws her worship from the cities she once ignored, where we hear her song and follow her path of freedom and self-determination. About the Author Sorita D'Este is a writer and researcher who lives and works in London, UK. She has a passion for the mysteries and gods of the western world and much of her work is focused on the spiritual and magical practices of ancient Greece, Rome and Britain. She is the co-author of *The Guises of the Morrigan and Circle of Fire*. Additionally she is a regular contributor to magazines, part works and journals, including DeAgostini's *Enhancing your Mind Body Spirit* and *Llewellyn's Annuals*. For those interested in exploring the mysteries, myths and symbolism of ancient spiritual systems, Sorita facilitates workshops and courses in the UK. She also gives lectures on a variety of related topics at conferences, festivals and seminars in and around Europe. In addition to her research and writing, she likes spending her time wandering around local woodlands, cycling and dancing. For more information see her website: [avalonia.co.uk](http://avalonia.co.uk)