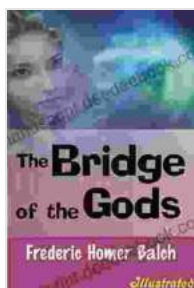


# The Bridge of the Gods Illustrated: A Majestic Tribute to a Lost Landmark

## A Legendary Crossing



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In the heart of the Pacific Northwest, where the mighty Columbia River once flowed freely, stood a legendary bridge that connected the realms of gods and mortals. Known as the Bridge of the Gods, this colossal structure was central to the spiritual beliefs and cultural heritage of Native American tribes in the region.

According to ancient lore, the bridge was created by the gods to reunite the Great Spirit's sons, Wy'east and Klickitat, who had been separated after a great battle. The bridge arched over the Columbia River, forming a magnificent pathway between Mount Hood (Wy'east) in Oregon and Mount Adams (Klickitat) in Washington.

### **A Geological Marvel**



Over time, the relentless forces of nature would shape the legend of the Bridge of the Gods into a geological marvel. While the original bridge of myth no longer exists, a breathtaking geological formation known by the same name stands as a testament to its grandeur.

The Bridge of the Gods formation is a series of sheer basalt cliffs that rise dramatically from the banks of the Columbia River. These cliffs were formed by ancient lava flows that cooled and solidified, creating a natural barrier that spanned the river's path.

### **The Great Flood**



The story of the Bridge of the Gods is intertwined with a tragic event that forever altered the landscape and the lives of the Native American inhabitants. According to legend, a great flood occurred, caused by the wrath of the gods. The waters rose with such ferocity that they overwhelmed the bridge, causing it to collapse and disappear beneath the raging river.

The flood, known as the Great Flood, is believed to have been a catastrophic event that reshaped the geography of the region. It is said that the floodwaters carved out the Columbia River Gorge and created Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak that towers over the landscape.

### **A Symbol of Connection**



Despite the passage of time and the loss of the original bridge, the legend of the Bridge of the Gods continues to inspire and captivate. It serves as a reminder of the deep connection between the Native American tribes of the region and the natural world that surrounds them.

In the present day, a pedestrian bridge has been constructed near the site of the original Bridge of the Gods, symbolizing the enduring legacy of this iconic landmark. This modern-day bridge provides a physical connection

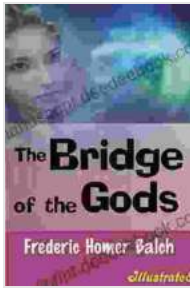
between the states of Washington and Oregon, echoing the legendary bridge that once united gods and mortals.

### **A Legacy of Inspiration**



The Bridge of the Gods has left an indelible mark on the cultural and natural landscape of the Pacific Northwest. Its legend has inspired countless works of art, literature, and music. The natural beauty of the Columbia River Gorge, which was shaped by the forces that destroyed the bridge, continues to awe and inspire visitors from around the world.

The story of the Bridge of the Gods is a testament to the power of myth, the resilience of the human spirit, and the enduring beauty of the natural world. It is a tale that will continue to captivate generations to come.



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