A Guide To B.C. Indian Myth And Legend: A Short History Of Myth-collecting And A Survey Of Published Texts

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Emile Petitot was an Oblate missionary in the Northwest Territories from 1862 to 1883, and in the midst of extreme privation wrote down serene ethnographic observations. His Traditions Indiennes du Canada Nord-Ouest (1886) is still kept in print by its Paris publisher. Myth, a symbolic narrative, usually of unknown origin and at least partly traditional, that ostensibly relates actual events and that is especially associated with religious belief. It is distinguished from symbolic behaviour (cult, ritual) and symbolic places or objects (temples, icons). Myths are.