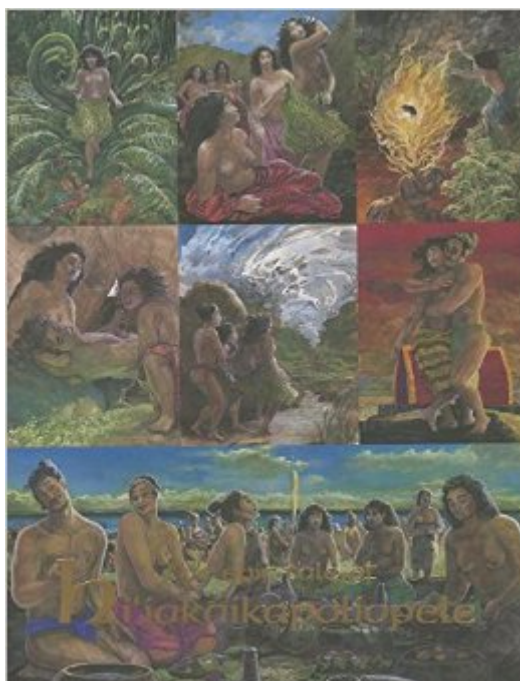


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This ancient saga begins with the goddess Pele's migration to Kālaea and her spirit's search for a lover. The story then details the quest of Pele's younger sister, Hi'iaka, to find the handsome Lohi'au, and bring him back to their crater home. It is a very human account of love and lust, jealousy and justice, peopled with deities, demons, chiefs and commoners. This version by Ho'oulu-māhiehie ran from 1905 to 1906 as a daily series in the Hawaiian-language newspaper Ka Na'aua. It is the most extensive form of the story ever documented, offering a wealth of detail and insights about social and religious practices, poetry and hula, healing arts, and many other Hawaiian customs.

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Well written and very detailed. One can read the stories and imagine being there. Excellent edition to any mythology or Hawaiian collector!!!

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