



## The Religious Life of the Zuni Child (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from The Religious Life of the Zuni Child The first of the Ah-shi-wi, or Zuni, to cross this river were the Ah-shi i-que, or Bear gens; to-wa-que, Corn gens; and -ta-que, Sand Hill Crane gens. When in the middle of the river the children of these gentes were transformed into tortoises, frogs, snakes, ducks, and dragon ?ies. The children thus transformed, while tightly clinging to their mother s necks, began to bite and pinch. The mothers, trembling with fear, let them fall into the river. Ah-ai-i i-ta and Ma-a se-we, missing the children, inquired, Where are the little ones? The mothers replied, We were afraid and dropped them into the water. The war gods then cried out to the remainder of the people, Wait, wait until we speak with you, and they told the women to be brave and cling tightly to the children until they crossed the river. Obeying the gods commands, they carried the little ones over, though th were transformed just as the others. Upon reaching the opposit e, they were again restored to their natural forms,...

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