

THE SYMBOLISM OF THE SNAKE AND THE FANTASTIC PROSE OF MIRCEA ELIADE

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***Abstract:** The snake has a very rich symbolic meaning in world's culture, illustrated in literature and art in general; Mircea Eliade's prose uses this motive in order to illustrate old Romanian myths and to recreate the archaic time of the myth.*

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