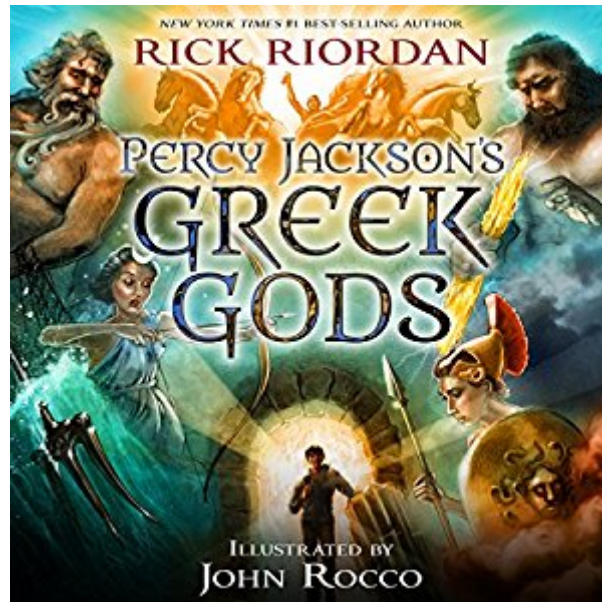




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Percy Jackson's Greek Gods



Synopsis

"A publisher in New York asked me to write down what I know about the Greek gods, and I was like, 'Can we do this anonymously?' Because I don't need the Olympians mad at me again. But if it helps you to know your Greek gods, and survive an encounter with them if they ever show up in your face, then I guess writing all this down will be my good deed for the week." So begins Percy Jackson's Greek Gods, in which the son of Poseidon adds his own magic - and sarcastic asides - to the classics. He explains how the world was created, then gives listeners his personal take on a who's who of ancients, from Apollo to Zeus. Percy does not hold back: "If you like horror shows, blood baths, lying, stealing, backstabbing, and cannibalism, then read on, because it definitely was a Golden Age for all that."

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Customer Reviews

This was an excellent book! It was filled with all of the familiar elements of the Greek mythology, but with the hilarious Percy Jackson narrating, it's stuffed to the rim with modern and funny comments and side notes to keep up the interesting factor up a through the whole book. I actually was a little sceptical about downloading it because I know all the myths by Heart. But this book tells them in a completely different view. So even if you know all of the myths, this book will tell them in a completely new way. I recommend this book wholeheartedly for any fantasy fan. P. S. I say don't listen to the haters at all. P. P. S. This is a review by a 10 year old, so you know that I told the absolute truth I swear by the river Styx (it's the best oath that you can make, so you can't break it)

This is an absolutely wonderful and riveting book. Written in the voice of Percy Jackson, many well known and more obscure Greek myths are related using the sarcastic humor of Percy. He adds his own obvious and often ridiculous contributions to the myths, such as having the Greek Gods using modern technology or eating junk food in addition to other activities related in the myths. These additions can easily be distinguished from the original mythology and add humor to often harsh stories. When the gods do horrible things like eat people, marrying their sisters, etc., Percy is grossed out and make comments about how nasty that is. This makes it a little easier for kids to handle that type of thing. Whenever Percy enhances the myths by giving his opinion about how something might have happened he clearly states that what he is saying is not actually stated in the mythology, and this often makes the retelling of stories that might not make sense in modern times easier for a juvenile reader to understand. I recommend this book as an excellent reference to Greek Mythology for both juveniles and adults who appreciate tales being told in a lively rather than dry style. Am really looking forward to reading Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes, coming in Fall 2015.

Is there anything Riordan can't do and can't do well? I am sure his family could answer that question better than I but as far as his writing goes, I would have to say, no. No, there isn't anything this man can't write and have it not be spectacular. This book ended up being so much...more than what I was expecting. So very funny in only the way Percy can be as well as a great addition to the series (both really) with all the helpful and insightful, not to mention gorgeous illustrations and summary on all the gods, demis, and minors. I truly enjoyed this and know I will be using it to reference things with in the future as well.

Written by Helen Freedman, age 9 Have you ever read the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan? If you loved them, this book is for you. This book is stories about the Greek gods as told by a teenage boy named Percy. The funniest thing is he often strays from the story and starts talking about his girlfriend. Another funny thing is the name of the chapters. One is called "Demeter Turns Into Grainzilla." Another is called "Hephaestus Makes Me a Golden Llama (Not Really, But He Totally Should)." I always love Rick Riordan's quirky titles. One story is about Apollo and the golden laurel. Apollo sees Eros and his little bow and Apollo brags about his giant golden bow. Eros gets mad and makes Apollo fall in love with Daphne who was a very beautiful, immortal water nymph. Apollo went down to earth and chased Daphne but she was too fast for him. Apollo almost caught her but she prayed

for Gaea's help. But I won't tell you what happens next! When I first read this story, I was really surprised about how the laurel was made. I learned so much more than just this one story. The book is filled with interesting facts about the Olympians. I would recommend this book to anyone who loves Percy Jackson or is interested in Greek Mythology. WARNING: This book is enormous! It is 10 inches by 13 inches and more than 300 pages long. I often fell asleep reading it and it would be resting on my chest. My parents were afraid it would crush me!

If you have fallen in love with Rick Riordan's books, then I highly recommend reading this. Percy Jackson - an insider - tells you all the juicy histories of the 12 Olympian gods plus a few more who sometimes are included in the twelve and sometimes are not. So you get the stories of Zeus, Poseidon, Demeter, Hera, Aphrodite, Apollo, Artemis, Athena, Hephaestus, Hermes, Ares, and Dionysus. You also get Hades, Hestia and Persephone. However, and this is what moves it from a five star book to a four star book, this is not the best collection of stories about the Greek Gods. It's a bit too Disneyfied if you know what I mean. Which is fine as perhaps it's meant for a younger audience. Still, I highly recommend reading a collection of myths like the one by Robert Graves or something like D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths. Reading multiple accounts anyway can't hurt as many of the stories have different versions. Still this book has all the whimsy, irreverence and charm of the other Riordan books. And for that I must highly recommend it.

It tells the reader all the stories of the gods and goddesses, and the best part is that it is told from the perspective of a kid. It is not boring like "then Persephone made a speech about how mortals should blah blah blah." It's very funny and good. I recommend it to anyone who likes the Greek gods. Rick Riordan should write Percy Jackson's Minor Gods because it would be so good!

For the fact that my 9 year old ran into a wall while reading this, I am saying that she loves the book. Almost too much, is it wrong to want to take away a book from a kid? She keeps making us late. LOL

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