

Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes

Rick Riordan

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Percy Jackson's Greek Heroes is a collection of myths about some of the heroes of ancient Greek mythology told from the perspective of Percy Jackson, the main character of Rick Riordan's previous series "Percy Jackson & The Olympians" and its sequel series "House of Olympus". Each chapter talks about one Greek hero and covers all of that character's significant myths.

I think this book does a great job at compiling a bunch of different myths from multiple different sources written over a period of several hundred years and uniting them under one common story thread. The writing is funny and a great introduction into Greek mythology or really just mythology in general. Greek mythology as a whole isn't very friendly to women, or have many female characters that are portrayed with nuance or fairness. Rick does a great job at balancing that imbalance and you can tell that he took care when re-writing these myths.

The target audience for this book would be middle grade readers (8-12), or anybody who reads at that level. Those who enjoy Rick Riordan's other novels will enjoy this book. This is an excellent book to buy as a gift because it is long and is well suited for re-reading because of the varied and short stories in it.

There are a few references to Rick Riordan's other series, particularly "Percy Jackson & The Olympians" and its sequel series "House of Olympus" which might leave some people a little lost. However I don't think this is a downside at all, as it helps introduce readers to Rick Riordan's other books, which in my opinion are excellent and definitely worth reading.

Recommended Titles:

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods, Rick Riordan

Keeper of the Lost Cities Series, Shannon Messenger

Circe, Madeline Miller

Zeus Grants Stupid Wishes: A No-Bullshit Guide to World Mythology, Cory O'Brien