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# Valkyrie



## Synopsis

From the bestselling author of the Pegasus books, Kate O'Hearn, comes an exciting new series that puts a fresh twist on Norse mythology. Valkyrie: Norse Goddess. Reaper of Souls. Defender of the Weak. Not someone you want to mess with! Freya is dreading her upcoming birthday when she'll officially have to take up her duties as a Valkyrie. She doesn't want to follow in the footsteps of the legends before her—legends including her mother and sisters. And she certainly doesn't want anything to do with humans! Freya thinks humans are cruel, hate-filled creatures, but as she observes their world, she begins to wonder what it would be like to make friends with the girls or laugh with the boys she sees. And what would it be like to live without the fear that she could cause someone's death with a single touch? Then when she's sent on her first mission, she reaps the soul of a fallen soldier with unfinished business—business that sends her on an epic quest to the mortal world. Will Freya find the true meaning of being a human, or will she finally accept the legend she is destined to become?

## Book Information

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Age Range: 9 - 13 years

Grade Level: 4 - 8

## Customer Reviews

I had been reading other books when Harry Potter and the Cursed Child interrupted and I had to

read it. After leaving Hogwarts, there are not many books that still feel magical enough to be attractive. This one, in the new books shelf in our local library, caught my eye and proved to be fun, and a very fast read. I love Norse mythology and this take of Freya as a Valkyrie reaping modern day war hero's and hating the stupidity of war, was just original enough to be interesting. The fact that the book addresses the all too real issue of bullying with good advice from a fictional character also pleases me. Freya and her adventures on earth are fun and a bit innocent, she finds a friend rather than a love interest. Overall this is a good book for middle grade readers, or adults like me who like lighthearted fun when escaping the real world.

I loved this book and I am an adult. I plan on getting the second and the third. I did though really disagree with Freya's pigheadedness and refusal to take advice from her own adviser. And each time she remained stubborn, more things got messed up. other then that, I loved this a lot.

Freya is a troubled young girl. She isn't content with her job as a valkyrie and risks her life to do and experience more. She's a very sympathetic character, even if most readers wouldn't take the same big risk. But she's young and impetuous and puts other's needs before her own. Valkyrie is an exciting and dramatic fantasy novel for young readers. Full of vibrant characters and a heart-warming story, this was a hard book to put down. The author even modeled her Loki after Tom Hiddleston's character. The book works well as a standalone novel, but I'd love to see it as a series. I really enjoyed this take on Norse mythology in modern day.\*Review previously posted at SciFiChick.

I Absolutely loved it! It is one of my new favorites! I can't wait to read the next book! YAY!!!!

This is an amazing book that SHOULD be put into series! Pegasus series are also something to watch out for.

My daughter has read a lot of mythology books, and she absolutely loved this one!!

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