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Percy Jackson's Greek Gods (A Percy Jackson And The Olympians Guide)



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 readers 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." Dramatic full-color illustrations throughout by Caldecott Honoree John Rocco make this volume--a must for home, library, and classroom shelves--as stunning as it is entertaining.

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Customer Reviews

The Lightning Thief sparked an interest in Greek Mythology in both my kids and they checked out

many books on the subject from the library. However, more often than not the dry style of writing did not appeal to my younger son. He did work his way through some of the books but this was more out of curiosity about the material covered by Riordan than an avid love of the subject matter. He got this book yesterday and, except for an enforced night's sleep, hasn't surfaced from it for hours! This is not a light book but he has been lugging it around everywhere with him! This book is utterly irreverent and hilarious and is filled with Percy's signature wit. The larger details of the myths are all there but they are tweaked more than a little and written with the humor of a modern child, For example, the story of Hestia is titled 'Hestia chooses Bachelor Number Zero' and one of the quotes from Zeus is "Both of these fine gods want to marry you. Because I am a stand-up king and all-around thoughtful dude, I will let you pick. Bachelor Number One. Poseidon, likes long walks on the beach and scuba diving. Bachelor Number two, Apollo, enjoys music and poetry and spends his free time reading prophecies at the Oracle of Delphi. Which do you like better?" or try this line "You can't swing a cat in Ancient Greece without hitting one of Zeus' ex-girlfriends." Or just have a quick look at the Table of contents with chapters titled "The Olympians bash some heads" or 'Demeter turns into grainzilla"!The book is not lacking in text and is a good read for an advanced elementary reader. The illustrations are absolutely gorgeous but only appear occasionally making this a good solid read.

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