Child's Introduction To Greek Mythology: The Stories Of The Gods, Goddesses, Heroes, Monsters, And Other Mythical Creatures
Synopsis

The newest book in Black Dog’s best-selling, award-winning series explores the fascinating world of Greek mythology from the myth of Narcissus to Odysseus versus the Cyclopes. Includes a Gods and Goddesses Family Tree Poster and Stickers! Packed with action, adventure, tragedy, and triumph, A Child’s Introduction to Greek Mythology acquaints kids ages 9–12 with all the fantastic and memorable classic Greek myths. The book is organized into two main parts. The first section introduces the gods and goddesses, from Apollo to Hades, as well as nymphs, satyrs, centaurs, and the mortal descendents of Zeus, such as Hercules and Midas. Part two is dedicated to the myths themselves: Pandora’s Box, Prometheus’ Discovery of Fire, the Trojan Horse and many more. Sidebars feature word definitions and fun facts, as well as games and projects. As with all of the other books in the Child’s Introduction series, Meredith Hamilton’s witty and charming illustrations add yet another dimension to the excellent and absorbing text.

Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 13 years
Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

This is one of the best books I have seen for children about the Greek myths. I teach third graders and can’t wait to share this book with them. The illustrations are very appealing and the detail given about each story is wonderful.
I am using this book to introduce Greek Mythology to my 9th grade English classes. The language is easy to understand, the pictures provide a better visual than most Google images, and the poster of the family tree helps the students make connections between gods/goddesses. This book is excellent for children as well as anyone interested in learning about the basics of Greek mythology. I highly recommend it.

Ordered so many books about Greek Mythology and this was by far the best. So well written and easily digestible for a group of 6-7 year olds. Also loved that it included a poster/family tree, stickers, and tattoos. So masterfully done.

My just-turned-eight year old daughter loves it, it’s a great overview and comes with some cute tattoos of major characters. The illustrations are well done and there is a pronunciation guide in the back for all those of us who stumble over the names. It’s really gotten her interested in the topic, and about how ancient greek names are the root words for a lot of other things in the English language today.

And our new Common Core Curriculum has a unit of “heroes and Greek Mythology” that (sadly) is way way way over the heads of my kids. We did some of the actual text (rigor, rigor!), but the kids were sleeping. Enter this incredible picture book version I bought last year on . It really covers the bases without ALL the details, but what’s important for my students is that are ARE details, and they match what I’ve taught them. Even Hercules is a two or three page version in language that doesn’t startle those who shun words they don’t know. I would strongly suggest this for low level readers, and ELL. Just the pages that describe the Olympian gods are worth their weight in gold!

I bought this book for my seven year old grandson and he loved it! There is plenty of information for the older student, but there are also stories that hold everyone’s attention! Aside from the content, it is a beautiful book, hard cover with sturdy pages. It is a great book to pick up and read anytime, a fact book for many of the gods and a story book!

My grandsons 4 and 7 asks lots of questions and love the book and the stories. The 7 year old whispered into the phone, “there are naked people in the book” big secret for a 7 year old boy. He thanked me very much before he told me the secret. I hope they learn to love Greek Mythology as
much as I do.

This was a great book that got our three year old asking lots of grounded questions and introduced solid concepts about morality and mortality.


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