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Tales Of The Greek Heroes (Puffin Classics)



Synopsis

The mysterious and exciting legends of the gods and heroes in Ancient Greece, from the adventures of Perseus, the labours of Heracles, the voyage of Jason and the Argonauts, to Odysseus and the Trojan wars. Introduced with wit and humour by Rick Riordan, creator of the highly successful Percy Jackson series.

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Customer Reviews

Roger Lancelyn Green was a true expert of classic literature and ancient mythology. Green was also good friends with C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and Lewis's stepson Douglas Gresham (who recently co-produced the Disney production of *THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE*). So, Roger Lancelyn Green ran in literary circles. Furthermore, Roger Lancelyn Green thoroughly studied all the ancient mythologies from around the world. He knew them inside and out. But unlike most other like-minded scholars, Green chose to bring these stories home for children. Such he has done with Norse mythology, Egyptian mythology, Robin Hood, Arthurian legend, and of course, Greek mythology. Green's book *TALES OF THE GREEK HEROES* is nothing short of exciting and fun to read. It's simple enough that a child can understand it and complex enough that an adult reader will not be bored by it. In it are such exciting stories as the adventures of Perseus the

Gorgon-slayer (also depicted in the 1981 film CLASH OF THE TITANS) and all the labors of Hercules (or Heracles). The book concludes with the fall of Troy, which gives way to Green's two follow-up books THE TALE OF TROY and THE LUCK OF TROY. I also highly recommend Roger Lancelyn Green's KING ARTHUR AND HIS KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE.

Roger Lancelyn Green retells the stories of the ancient Greek Heroes in a way that lends detail and continuity to those stories we have all heard. I had several "oh...that is how it hooks together" moments while reading. The actual reading level is probably appropriate for a 5th-6th grader, but the style and story-telling will grasp the attention of an older reader. This book would also be a fabulous "read-aloud" for a younger audience with interest in the Greek Heroes. Roger Green is obviously passionate about this subject and his passion shines through and grabs the reader. This is one of the better books I have ever read about the ancient Greek heroes.

My 10 year old boy can't get enough of Greek mythology. He's read all the Percy Jackson books and has organized a Greek God game at recess. This is just up his alley! He read it over a weekend (when he's not even required to read for school). Loved it! Now the 8 year old is reading it too.

My daughter fell in love with the Percy Jackson series a while back and she has been obsessed with Greek Mythology ever since. She has the D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths, as well, but when I saw this one as part of the Puffin Classics series, I bought this one to see if it had any new stories in it. The illustrations are few but fantastic, and it is a great book for an older set of children. The D'Aulaires is good for kids from kindergarten up, but this one requires a more sophisticated reader. If you have a child who reads at or around a 3rd grade level with confidence, they can likely handle this book. My 9 year-old daughter read it cover to cover and loved every page.

I really enjoyed this book because they have all the best myths and stories. Also it has some myths that I didn't even know existed like the gods vs. the giants. Overall I really loved this book.

I have long been a fan of the Greek Myths ever since Jr. High. With "Percy Jackson" books giving these Myths a new spin, this is a great book to get acquainted with the origins of the plot elements found in Rick Riordan's great books. You will discover so many of the items such as "The Golden Fleece," and run in to many of the many of the monsters, "Medusa," "The Minotaur," as well as see the parallel adventures found in the "Percy Jackson" books. These stories are far from boring and

reading the original myths will give you a greater appreciation for why the modern versions by Rioran are so engaging. If you've read up to the "Son of Neptune" you will see a familiar piece of wood that when burned will end a hero's life. Such are the benefits found by reading this book. You will also read about the greatest Hero of all and his many labors. A must read.

Love, love, love this book! I find that some Greek mythology stories are too watered down for kids. These of course have been watered down but not too much. I also love the way the book looks. It has a very nice cover.

Great contrast for comparison studies on the different Greek tales. This was bought as a companion for several other books purchased on mythology. I used it for my children's mythology and legends course study. The kids never balked at their reading assignment and they enjoyed the multitude of information that it covered.

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