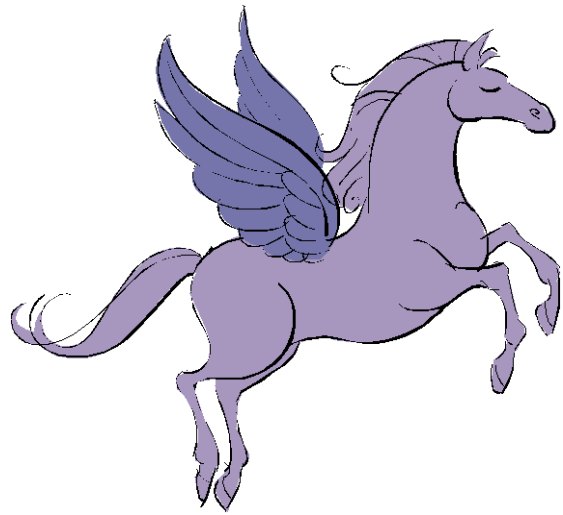


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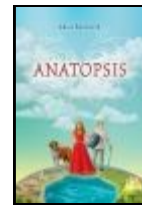
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## Anatopsis by Chris Abouzeid



Grades 6-8 (325 p)  
In the realm from which the Greek gods ruled the universe thousands of years ago, the immortal witch Anatopsis uncovers the true objectives of her demi-god tutor Mr. Pound and attempts to prevent him from carrying out his evil plans

## Singer to the Sea God by Vivien Alcock



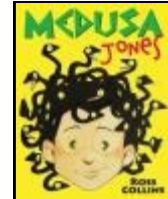
Grades 5-8 (199 p)  
When he and his companions flee their island home after the kings' court is turned to stone, Phaidon begins to believe in the gods and monsters that his uncle has always scorned.

## The Unnameables by Ellen Booraem



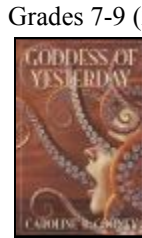
Grades 6-9 (318 p)  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*  
On an island in whose strict society only useful objects are named and the unnamed are ignored or forbidden, thirteen-year-old Medford encounters an unusual and powerful creature, half-man, half-goat. Together they attempt to bring some changes to the community.

## Medusa Jones by Ross Collins



Grades 4-6 (134 p)  
In ancient Greece, Medusa Jones, a gorgon, and her friends, a minotaur and a centaur, are mocked and sneered at by the Acropolis Academy children whose parents are kings and gods, but when they go on a school camping trip together, the "freaks" become true heroes.

## Goddess of Yesterday by Caroline B. Cooney



Grades 7-9 (263p) *Audiobook available*  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen Paperbacks "C"*  
Taken from her home on an Aegean island as a six-year-old girl, Anaxandra calls on the protection of her goddess while she poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.

## Corydon & the Island of Monsters by Tobias Druitt



Grades 7-9 (291 p) *Corydon trilogy*  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*  
Corydon, an outcast Greek boy with the leg of a goat, learns that he is part of an old prophecy and joins forces with Medusa and other "monsters" known in Greek mythology in a confrontation with mortal heroes fighting for the Olympian gold.

## Juliet Dove, Queen of Love by Bruce Coville



Grades 4-7 (190 p) *A Magic Shop Book series*  
*Audiobook available*  
A shy twelve-year old girl must solve a puzzle involving characters from Greek mythology to free herself from a spell which makes her irresistible to boys.

## The Fire Thief by Terry Deary



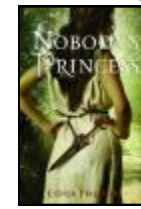
Grades 5-8 (170 p) *Fire Thief trilogy*  
*Shelved in Children's Paperback "D"*  
Retelling of the tale of Prometheus, in which Prometheus becomes a time traveler in order to escape the wrath of the gods and befriends a Victorian orphan in Eden City of 1858.

## Iris, Messenger by Sarah Deming



Grades 5-8 (209 p)  
After discovering that the immortals of Greek mythology reside in her hometown of Middleville, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Iris listens to their life stories, gaining wisdom, beauty, and startling revelations about her past.

## Nobody's Princess by Esther Friesner



Grades 7-9 (180 p) *Princesses of Myth series*  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*  
Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

## Athena the Brain by Joan Holub and Suzanne Williams



Grades 4-6 (160 p) *Goddess Girls series*  
*Shelved in Children's Paperback "G"*  
Athena learns that she is a goddess when she is summoned to Mount Olympus by her father, Zeus, and she must quickly adjust to her new status, make friends with the other godboys and goddessgirls, and catch up with all the studies she missed while attending mortal school.

## The Game by Diana Wynne Jones



Grades 7-9 (179 p)  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*  
When she is sent to a boisterous family gathering in Ireland by her overly strict grandmother, orphaned Hayley feels out of place until her unruly cousins include her in a special game involving travel through the mythosphere, the place where all the world's stories can be found, and where some secrets of her past are revealed.

## Four Stupid Cupids by Gregory Maguire

Grades 4-7 (183 p)  
*Hamlet Chronicles series*  
The students' scheme to find a love match for their beloved teacher on Valentine's Day turns into a comedy of errors when four stupid cupids from Ancient Greece try to help.

## The Night Tourist by Katherine Marsh



Grades 6-9 (232 p)  
*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*  
After fourteen-year-old classics prodigy Jack Perdu has a near fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who die in New York reside until they are ready to move on, and Jack vows to find his dead mother there.

## Hercules retold by Geraldine McCaughrean

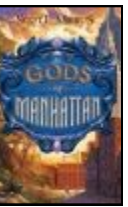


Grades 5-8 (142 p) *Heroes series*  
Hercules is tricked by the goddess Hera into committing a crime of rage and must serve twelve years of slavery set against him by King Eurystheus.

## Odysseus retold by Geraldine McCaughrean

Grades 5-8 (148 p) *Heroes series*  
Odysseus begins his long journey home after years of fighting during the Trojan War, but he and his men encounter monsters and ghostly creatures, are imprisoned, and face raging seas that threaten their safe return.

## Gods of Manhattan: The Hidden Light by Scott Mebus



Grades 5-8 (340 p) *Sequel: Spirits in the Park*  
Thirteen-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.

## The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

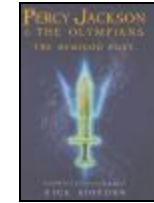


Grades 6-9 (557 p) *Heroes of Olympus series*  
Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself.

## The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

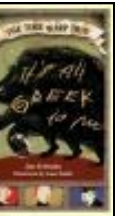
Grades 6-9 (377 p) *Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*  
After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

## Percy Jackson & The Olympians: The Demigod Files by Rick Riordan



Grades 5-8 (151 p)  
*Companion to Percy Jackson and the Olympians series*  
How do you handle an encounter with Medusa on the New Jersey interstate? What's the best way to take down a minotaur? Become an expert on everything in Percy's world with this guide to the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series. Complete with interviews, puzzles, games and original short stories by Rick Riordan!

## It's All Greek to Me by Jon Scieszka



Grades 2-4 (73 p) *Time Warp Trio series*  
*Shelved in Children's Moving Up*  
As they are about to go on stage, Joe, Fred, and Sam are transported back to the time of Zeus and the other gods in Greek mythology, who, strangely enough, behave much as the characters in the trio's class play.

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## The Pig Scrolls (by Gryllus the Pig)

as translated by Paul Shipton



Grades 6–9 ( p) *Sequel: The Pig Who Saved the World*

The pig scrolls are a translation of an ancient Greek manuscript written by Gryllus, a talking pig who was once a man. The scrolls describe the many adventures that he and his companions—a junior prophets named Sybil and a bumbling goatherd—experience while traveling to Delphi to try to prevent the universe from coming to an end.

**Quicksilver** by Stephanie Spinner

Grades 7-9 (229 p)

*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*

Hermes, Prince of Thieves and son of Zeus, relates why there is a change of seasons, the history of the Trojan War, his friendship with Pegasus, and many more adventures.



**Quiver** by Stephanie Spinner

Grades 7-9 (177p)

*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*

When her father commands that she produce an heir, the huntress Atalanta gives her suitors a seemingly impossible task in order to uphold her pledge of chastity, as the gods of ancient Greece look on.

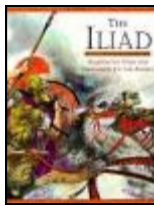
**Dussie** by Nancy Springer

Grades 5-8 (166p)

At age thirteen Dusie makes the horrifying discovery that she, like her New York artist mother, is a Gorgon—a Greek mythological monster sprouting snakes from her head and capable of turning humans into stone with one angry look.

**The Iliad** retold by Ian Strachan

Grades 4-7 (95 p) This is a retelling of Homer's classic story that details the events of the war between Greece and the city of Troy, focusing on Achilles' quarrel with Agamemnon.



**Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad**

by Rosemary Sutcliff

Grades 5-9 (128 p)

Retells the story of the Trojan War, from the quarrel for the golden apple, and the flight of Helen with Paris, to the destruction of Troy.

**Shadow Thieves** by Anne Ursu

Grades 6-8 (424 p) *Cronus Chronicles series*

After her cousin Zee arrives from England, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from the denizens of the Greek underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil.



**Odysseus in the Serpent Maze** by Jane Yolen

Grades 6-9 (248 p) *Young Heroes series*

*Shelved in Children's Young Teen area*

Thirteen-year-old Odysseus, who longs to be a hero, has many opportunities to prove himself during an adventure which involves pirates and satyrs, a trip to Crete's Labyrinth, and the two young girls, Penelope and Helen, who play a major role in his future life.

## Shelved in Non-Fiction

**Call Number: J292.13 unless otherwise noted**

**Aesop's Fables** by Jerry Pinkney

Grades 1-5 (87 p) J398.2452 Aesop's

A collection of nearly sixty fables from Aesop, including such familiar tales as "The Grasshopper and the Ants."



**All in the Family: A Look-It-Up Guide to the In-Laws, Outlaws, and Offspring of Mythology**

by Steven Otfinoski

Grades 4-8 (128 p) *Mythlopedia series*

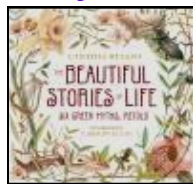
An illustrated introduction to mythology that features twenty alphabetically arranged profiles of select gods, heroes, mortals, and monsters from Greek mythology with brief overviews of their stories, lineages, defining characteristics, and more.



**The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold** by Cynthia Rylant

Grades 4-7 (71 p) *Audiobook available*

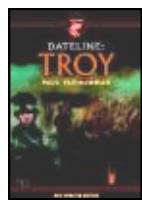
Retells the myths about Pandora, Persephone, Orpheus, Pygmalion, Narcissus, and Psyche.



**Dateline: Troy** by Paul Fleischman

Grades 8-10 (80 p)

A retelling of the story of the Trojan War illustrated with collages featuring newspaper clippings of modern events from World War I through the Persian Gulf War.



**Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths**

by Bernard Evslin

Grades 5-8 (213 p)

Twenty-six tales from Greek mythology, retold in language that is simple and dramatic.

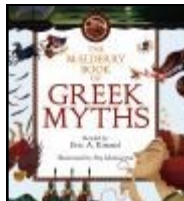


**The McElderry Book of Greek Myths**

by Eric A. Kimmel

Grades 2-6 (96 p)

Contains illustrated retellings of twelve classic Greek myths, including the stories of Pandora, Icarus, King Midas, and others.



**The Mighty 12: Superheroes of Greek Myth**

by Charles R. Smith

Grades 5-8 (48 p)

Combines poems with comic-style illustrations to introduce mythical gods, goddesses, and creatures of ancient Greece, including Zeus, Apollo, Aphrodite, Athena, and Dionysus.



**Mythology** by Edith Hamilton

Grades 6-10 (497 p)

A classic collection of Greek, Roman, and Norse myths retold by the author.



**Odysseus and the Cyclops**

retold by Warwick Hutton

Grades 2-4

A retelling of how Odysseus and his companions outwit the giant one-eyed Cyclops and escape from his cave.



**Oh My Gods! : A Look-It-Up Guide to the Gods of Mythology** by Megan Bryant



Grades 4-8 (128 p)

*Mythlopedia series*

An illustrated guide to mythology is presented. It includes "on-line" profiles of gods and goddesses along with information on monsters, heroes, and the underworld.

**Pandora** by Robert Burleigh

Grades 3-5

A superbly illustrated retelling of the story of Pandora and her obsession with the forbidden jar.



**Persephone** by Sally Pomme Clayton

Grades 3 -6

An illustrated retelling of the story of the goddess Persephone, who was forced to live underground and becomes Hades' bride, until her mother finds a way to reunite with her daughter and release her from Hades' Underworld.



**She's All That! : A Look-It-Up Guide to the Goddesses of Mythology** by Megan Bryant

Grades 4-8 (128 p)

*Mythlopedia series*

This guide looks at what Greek goddesses would be like if they lived in modern times, featuring profiles, headshots, family trees, and other information.



**What a Beast! : A Look-It-Up Guide to the Monsters and Mutants of Mythology**



by Sophia Kelly

Grades 4-8 (128 p)

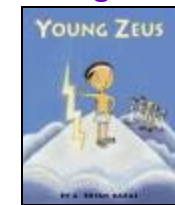
*Mythlopedia series*

An illustrated introduction to monsters and beasts from Greek mythology that provides profiles, family histories, facts, and more on minotaur, Cyclopes, Hydra, and others.

**Young Zeus** by Brian Karas

Grades 3-6

This is the story of how young Zeus, with a little help from six monsters, five Greek gods, an enchanted she-goat, and his mother, became god of gods, master of lightning and thunder, and ruler over all. In doing so, he learned a lot about family. Who knew that having relatives could be so complicated, even for a god?

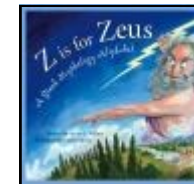


**Z is for Zeus: A Greek Mythology Alphabet**

by Helen Wilbur

Grades 4-6

An A to Z introduction to Greek mythology including heroes, gods, and goddesses, the Iliad, Delphi, and Labyrinth. Each topic is introduced with a poem and includes detailed-filled expository text.



## Shelved in Graphic Novels

**Athena: Grey-Eyed Goddess** by George O'Connor

Grades 5-9 (76 p) "O"

*Olympians series*

From the moment she emerged, fully grown from the head of Zeus, Athena was one of the most complex Olympians. This graphic novel retells her many interwoven tales: How she killed Pallas, fought the Gigantes, aided Perseus, and cursed Arachne.



**Hercules: The Twelve Labors** by Paul Storrie

Grades 4-8 *JPB "G"*

*Graphic Myths and Legends series*

The son of Zeus, king of the gods, and a mortal mother, Hercules faces the wrath of the goddess Hera who vows to bring him misery. She tricks Hercules into performing a series of twelve seemingly impossible labor, Is Hercules strong enough to foil her scheme?

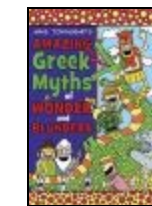


**Michael Townsend's Amazing Greek Myths of Wonder and Blunders: Welcome to the Wonderful World of Greek Mythology**

by Michael Townsend

Grades 4-8 (160 p) "T"

A collection of comics that interpret Greek myths, depicting stories about characters such as King Midas, Pandora, Arachne, Icarus, Hercules, and others.

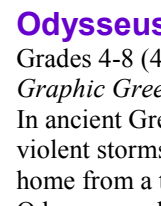


**Odysseus and the Cyclops** by Gilly Cameron Cooper

Grades 4-8 (48 p) "G"

*Graphic Greek Myths and Legends series*

In ancient Greece, Odysseus has angered powerful gods. They send violent storms and monsters to stop the brave soldier from returning home from a ten-year war. The one-eyed giant Cyclops vows to eat Odysseus and his men.

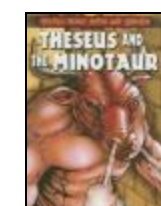


**Theseus and the Minotaur** by Gilly Cameron Cooper

Grades 4-8 (48 p) "G"

*Graphic Greek Myths and Legends series*

In ancient Greece Theseus is sent to battle a terrifying monster. Surviving on human flesh, the brute is half human and half bull and lives in a dark and winding labyrinth.



**The Trojan Horse: The Fall of Troy**

by Ron Fontes

Grades 3-6 (48 p) "G"

*Graphic Myths and Legends series*

A retelling, in graphic novel form, of the myth of the Trojans who discover a gift of a giant horse from their Greek enemies.



**Zeus: King of the Gods** by George O'Connor

Grades 5-8 (76 p) "O"

*Olympians series*

Introduces Zeus, king of the Gods, telling his story from boyhood to his ascendance to supreme power.

