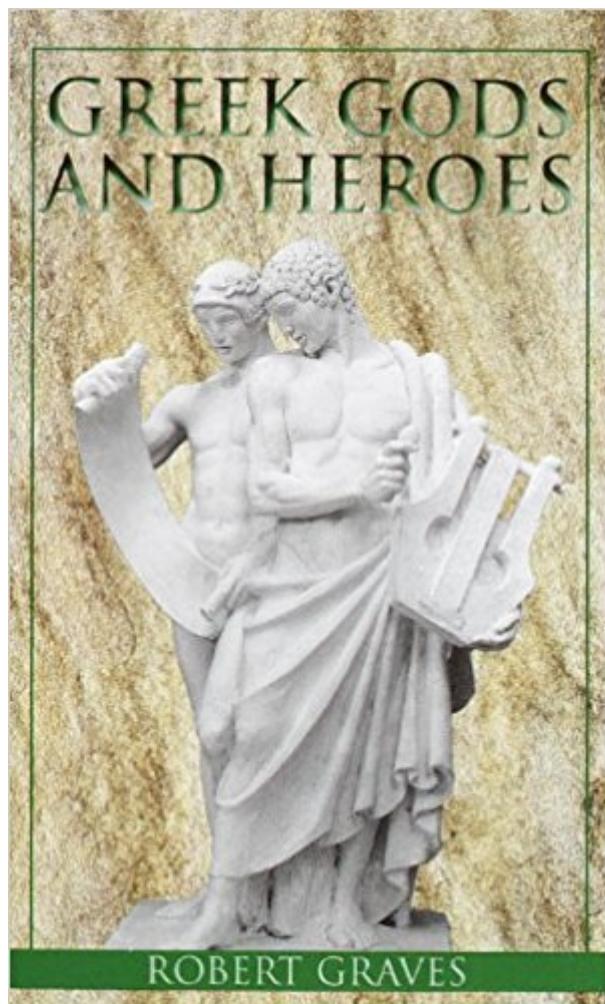


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## **Customer Reviews**

I got this book for a Greek Myth class I was taking. The instructor was using another book by Robert Graves that was huge and very expensive. This small one worked out perfectly! I looked up the people and places he talked about and found almost all of them in this paperback with an abbreviated version of the story that he filled us in on. He even said that his volume was so detailed that most of us would give up trying to read it and he had difficulty with it, too. So, this is the book to buy if you want to enjoy the myths in an interesting, easy to read and understand version!

We hear such words and names as Zeus, Ariel, Titans, and Hermes quite frequently. But where do all these names and words come from? What is the history behind them? These and many other

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I gave a lower rating as I need more background information. The book does exactly what it says: give you an overview and an introduction to Greek mythology. It's a very raw form of introducing the novelty reader to the material and meets that need well. I agree with a previous commenter who stated it's great for kids and teens. Regardless, this should be in your shelf as a reference.

Here is a book for children that doesn't condescend or Bowdlerize or cover up with plaster of PC. It illuminates the old stories with historical and political context. A treasure I wish I had as a child.

I read an older edition of this book back when I was in junior high, and it had these wonderful charcoal illustrations that were simple but exciting (at least to a 12 year-old boy). The stories are accessible retellings of familiar Greek myths, and it's a great book to introduce mythology. My son (6 years-old) and I read it for bedtime, and he enjoys it too.

I didn't really like it bc it's not my kind of book and I was required to read it for high school

Great starter book to entertain any young and eager minded mythologists you might know. The foundation for more detailed adventures are here, as well as some clues to how ancient mythology ties into our modern lives and night sky.

Loved every story in it. Wish there was more to be read. Wish it talked a little less about Zeus all though his is the head of the Gods and Goddesses.

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