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Second book in the Brownstone's Mythical Collection

When Marcy's adventurer father, Arthur, disappears in Egypt, she reluctantly sets off in his footsteps. She soon finds herself standing before the great Sphinx and must answer its riddle before she can enter and find Arthur, who is trapped inside. Her only option is to ask the Egyptian gods for help, but in the end it is up to Marcy to complete the final task. Can she overcome her deepest fears and save her father?

Join Marcy as she solves puzzles and meets the ancient gods of Egypt in this exciting book in the Brownstone's Mythical Collection series. (Book 2)

## Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx Details

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# From Reader Review Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx for online ebook

## Jason says

I'm still on the fence about this series, but this one did expand the world in which the story takes place. I'm interested...

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## Eleazar Herrera says

Perfecto para peques y mayores porque ellos aprenden mitología e inglés mientras a los adultos se nos cae la baba de lo bonito que es el cuento.

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## Daisy says

Quality Rating: Three Stars  
Enjoyment Rating: Four Stars

Again, beautifully illustrated and lovingly conceptualised, this book makes a little fairytale from another set of myths. It is again a little lacking in plot and tension, and definitely follows the formula of the first book to a T, but is enjoyable and well-suited to young readers regardless.

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## Tatyana Naumova says

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## Hannah says

Felt like this followed the formula of the first book a little too closely, and would have liked to see something as new as the first book.

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## Becky says

Rather underwhelming. The illustration style is super appealing, but the story was flat. There wasn't really a build up to a climax or an exciting climax. Marcy having to brave the scary staircase, giant beetle, alligator, and a mummy was only expressed through pictures and didn't make it seem like she was overcoming anything. She had the eye... how was continuing to be in the light helping her be comfortable in the dark? The one sentence sum up of 'Yep... beating the one monster made her realize she was brave enough to fight

monsters even in the dark!' felt unfulfilling.

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## **Jasmine from How Useful It Is says**

I started reading Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx from The Brownstone's Mythical Collection for my 7 year old son as story time on 11/18/18 and finished it that same day. This book is an excellent read! I love this story right from the first page because Marcy's dad is an unlikely hero. She doesn't believe her father's adventures to be true because he looks old and frail. I like that her dad brings her on an adventure to give her an opportunity to experience something of her own. My son likes the illustrations a lot. Each page is filled with abundant of activities to look at. My son also likes the Star Map on the inside of the book cover. He knows about the Big Dipper and looks for it.

In this book, readers will follow Marcy, from the adventure stories of her father she loves to hear every night to the adventures she takes of her own. Marcy is afraid of the dark, at home before sleep and out on an adventure with her dad. When a week has gone by and her father hasn't returned from his urgent business away from home, Marcy decided to go rescue him. From her father's office, she learns that he has gone to Egypt. Aim with a mission, she feels braver as she climb onto Wind Weaver to travel to Egypt. When Marcy arrives, she meet Thoth, god of knowledge and asks for his help to rescue her dad. He gives her two choices, either go into the belly of the Sphinx in the dark or find Ra, the sun god. Through many challenges, courage, and test of virtues, Marcy must decide the right path to take to rescue her father.

Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx is very well written and beautifully illustrated. My son and I love the step by step illustrations of Marcy as she takes to reach her destination like the picture below or how she travels through the maze of obstacles to rescue her dad. The illustration of Egypt is an eyeful. There are lots of Egypt history to look at. It could have been helpful if there were names next to each picture. This book is fantastic for kids who are afraid of the dark and for those who loves an adventure. I like the riddle and wish there were more of it. I highly recommend everyone to read this story!

Pro: fast paced, page turner, illustrations, actions & adventures, Egypt, exploration & discovery, unlikely hero, overcome fear of the dark, female protagonist

Con: none

I rate it 5 stars!

\*\*\*Disclaimer: Many thanks to NoBrow for the opportunity to read and review. Please be assure that my opinions are honest.

xoxo,

Jasmine at [www.howusefulitis.wordpress.com](http://www.howusefulitis.wordpress.com) for more details

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## **Jenna says**

Adorable illustrations again and it was definitely fun to visit the Egyptian Gods. Despite the title of the book, it really isn't focusing all on the Sphinx and instead on the relationship between Marcy and her father Arthur

and Marcy's own fear of the unknown.

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### **Kyra Leseberg (Roots & Reads) says**

Such a fun follow up to Arthur and the Golden Rope! Arthur has grown up, married, and become a father while still managing to be an avid adventurer. He notices that his daughter Marcy is hesitant to explore the world, so he sets off mysteriously to obtain a book in Egypt for her.

Marcy believes Arthur is in danger and reluctantly traces his path all the way to the Sphinx where she must answer a riddle to rescue her dad who is trapped inside.

An adventure filled with ancient Egyptian gods and legends, Marcy is a clever girl whose love for her dad leads her to daring acts of bravery.

An entertaining story for both children and adults with excellent illustrations!

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### **Rachel Reads Ravenously says**

3.5

It was cute!

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### **?annie?◇\*?? says**

this just came through the drop and after looking at the pages i had to read it. it reminds me of a comic with the way the picture and text are laid out. this is truly a beautiful story of a child overcoming their fears. wow. i'm in awe. so cute.

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### **Becky B says**

Marcy's father tells her grand tales of his adventures before she was born, but she feels too skeptical and scared to be an adventurer like him. That is until her father disappears looking for a book inside the sphinx to help her conquer her fear of the dark. When days pass and he doesn't return, Marcy knows she must conquer her fears and go help save her father.

Marcy has quite the adventure meeting the several Egyptian gods and mythical creatures along the way. This is a great intro to Egyptian mythology and fantasy quest adventures for lower or middle grade readers. There's lots going on in this graphic novel's illustrations to pour over. And it seems like just the right level of excitement for an intro adventure. According to the map of her adventures, Marcy appears to be a resident of Iceland, and the illustrations feel somewhat Nordic (at least, they feel similar to the Hildafolk graphic novels which are Nordic-based). I haven't read the first book in this series, and though I didn't feel like it was completely necessary to have read the other book I am definitely interested in finding it and reading it. Recommended to armchair adventurers, Egyptian mythology studiers, graphic novel fans, and fantasy quest fans.

Notes on content: One mythic snake gets beat but it isn't very gory.

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## **Emily says**

This was such a great adventure, with a really awesome art style. All of the illustrations were so intricate, there's a lot to discover by searching the pictures. I loved the inclusion of Egyptian gods as characters with personalities in the story. The story had some great messages about telling the truth and facing your fears.

I wish the human characters had been Egyptian instead of Icelandic, but I understand that this is the second in a series of picture books about the "Brownstone family". I haven't read the first one, but the beginning of this book seemed to spend too much time tying this book to that one... I think it would and should have stood on its own just fine. If the plan is to explore different world myths, it'd be nice for human characters from those cultures to be involved.

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## **Sarah says**

I love this author / illustrator's style! His books have this air of mystery that is enchanting. I would recommend this to the type of kid who is fascinated by things that are strange and slightly dark.

Marcy is the daughter of an adventurer, but fears his stories of his escapades. Then comes a time that she fears more for her father than anything else she might face. Will she conquer her fear and remember his stories enough to bring her father home?

It was fun to encounter the gods of Egyptian mythology in this modern fantasy story.

Reminds me of the C. S. Lewis quote "Since it is so likely that (children) will meet cruel enemies, let them at least have heard of brave knights and heroic courage." -amazing is the power that stories have to change our lives!

I want to read the saga of Marcy's father in the first two books!

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## **Mollyvknize says**

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