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Here are fifteen wonderful stories about the Greek gods and goddesses -- Zeus, the most powerful; his wife Hera; and their large, extended family. In the splendid retellings, Geraldine McCaughrean vividly recreates the world of these powerful characters who also possessed human attributes and failings. The collection includes favorite stories such as how Paris judged who was the fairest goddess of all, how the city of Athens was named, and how Phaeton defied his father, the sun god Helios. It also tells some of the lesser-known ones: how the dolphins were created and how Hephaestus won Aphrodite for his wife.

The magic and drama of Geraldine McCaughrean's retellings are beautifully matched by Emma Chichester Clark's lively illustrations, in which she brings the characters strikingly to life.

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Kendra saunders says

This was FANTASTIC! I originally got this book out from the library to find out about a couple of Greek Goddesses for inspiration for drawing but ended up finding myself reading it from start to finish. It gripped me so strongly that I won't be forgetting these stories for a very long time (if ever).

Nancy says

Joe: Just a retelling.

Clare says

A GREAT LIBRARY OF GREEK MYTHS. I LOVE IT!!!!!!

Carolina He says

This book gave me more information about the Greek gods and goddesses that I didn't know before. That's why I think this book is so-so. No offense to the author.

Jean-Marie says

Independently read and rated by Kate. Kate is still all about the Greek gods and goddess, so she loved this.

Brigid Sullivan says

This book is a compilation of various Greek/Roman myths. It describes the specific gods and goddess of Mount Olympus and shares a few stories related to these gods. My 6th grade teacher used this book in our Greek history social studies unit. We had pick a god or goddess from the book, research them and write a summary and opinion piece about them. This fit into reading and social studies. Our final project was to dress and act like them during an all class activity. It was a fun way to learn about the differences between each Greek god. Our teacher also incorporated this unit into our Latin/Greek vocabulary words. It was a way that we as students could tie together that Greek culture had a history that is still applicable today and make connections about the contributions of the ancient Greeks.

Jennifer says

A good source for more information when interest is sparked by the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series.

Jeremiah Benjamin says

We borrowed this for Classical Conversations Cycle 1. I knew it would be a longer book for our kids (ages 6 and 4) but I had hoped they would like some of the stories. They didn't really seem to be very interested in any of the stories just yet, but when Cycle 1 repeats they will be 9 and 7 and will hopefully enjoy this book more at that time!

The stories are classic Greek stories, some that I had remembered bits of from school and several that I had never heard before. The stories themselves are woven into a larger story. The artwork is simple but well-suited to the stories.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading it, though I was surprised at how much was made of Zeus' unfaithfulness throughout the stories (given that it's a book primarily written for kids). Although it might be difficult for children to understand, it did illustrate how many problems Zeus created for himself by being so self-serving. This book is full of such lessons!

Autumnpaw♥ says

I liked reading these stories they were exciting, and interesting. I loved the stories they told in the book. I liked learning about them.

Maria says

read one or two stories pretty long

10-11 Kara says

This book of Greek Gods and Goddess is a good book. It has a story for almost all the gods and goddess. It was an enjoyable book to read.

Becky Stutzman says

A plethora of Greek god stories all tied together by a common thread--the story of the peacock's beginning in the world. Some stories are violent, and others are funny, but each is like a good fable with a moral. One

other theme runs throughout- never try to fool the gods!

Sherri says

This was a great read aloud introduction with cute illustrations from an artist we knew from earlier picture books. Katherine really enjoyed learning about the gods and goddesses--seemed like she was at the perfect age for it because she is interested in god(s) and magic and death. She laughed a lot at Hermes the big baby and liked the myths that explained the reasons for natural phenomena (like how Dionysus created the first dolphins, or how young crazy recklessly drove the sun chariot and messed up the weather). Fun for me too--I forgot how much I enjoy Greek myths!
