

Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan



An action/adventure series based off of Greek mythology. Percy Jackson (Son of Poseidon) is a demigod (half human half god) who does not know who he really is until he meets a man who shows him who he really is and who his father is as well.

I read and loved the Percy Jackson series (and the subsequent spin off). They are fairly easy reads and you can get through them pretty quickly. The characters have heart and the world that Rick built is well structured. They aren't difficult, dense or dull; instead they are light (to start with) and so long as you approach them with the mindset that this isn't a literary classic you'll be fine. I loved mythology growing up, I read the Odyssey these books encompass it easily and actually has a wealth of the knowledge inside them. I would recommend this book to incoming freshman since they will be reading a novel in their English classes about Greek mythology, thus, it will help the freshman understand Greek mythology. I rated it a three since the first book in a series is usually the book that stuffs information and a plot to set for the other stories/novels in the series. Any action/adventure and Greek Mythology novels to me will attract me to read the book. What I responded to most as I read the book was the fact that a demigod of Poseidon was a very interesting character to think about how it would be to realize that you are part god. The fact that Poseidon is my favorite Greek god helped me open the book up and read it. Although I did not relate to any of the characters and situations in the book I did learn something from their experiences: the value of friendship and family. Overall, I do recommend this book to anyone that is thinking about reading a book for leisure and does not like watching action/adventure movies.

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