

Beauty's Daughter

By Carolyn Meyer

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Greek mythology

When renowned beauty Helen runs off to Troy with Prince Paris, her enraged husband, King Menelaus, starts the Trojan War, leaving their plain daughter, Hermione, alone to witness the deaths of heroes on both sides and longing to find her own love and place in the world.

Sirena

by Donna Jo Napoli

YA NAPOLI

Greek mythology

The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War.

The Lightning Thief

by Rick Riordan

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Greek mythology

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.

The Lost Hero

by Rick Riordan

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Greek mythology

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 Red Pyramid

by Rick Riordan

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Egyptian mythology

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs.

Lifestyles of Gods & Monsters

By Emily Roberson

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Greek mythology

In a reality TV retelling of the myth of the Minotaur, seventeen-year-old Ariadne fights to save her brother, Asterion, and make her own destiny in a world of celebrity, surveillance, and feigned authenticity.

Persephone: Hades' Torment

By Allison Shaw

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Greek mythology

According to the ancient legend, the Lord of the Dead kidnapped the innocent daughter of Demeter--or did he? The truth is, Persephone is no damsel in distress, but a spirited young lady with an overbearing mother. A failed scheme by Apollo leads her to encounter the mysterious and handsome Hades, who instantly appeals to her--right as he's struck by love's arrow.

Lore Olympus, Vol. 1

By Rachel Smythe

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Greek mythology

Persephone is new to Olympus. Her mother Demeter has raised her in the mortal realm, but after Persephone promises to train as a sacred virgin, she's allowed to live in the fast-moving, glamorous world of the gods. When her roommate Artemis takes her to a party, her entire life changes: she ends up meeting Hades and feels an immediate spark with the charming yet misunderstood ruler of the Underworld.

The Chaos of Stars

by Kiersten White

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Egyptian mythology

Sixteen-year-old Isadora, the mortal daughter of Isis and Osiris, is sick of being in the middle of family drama so she jumps at the chance to leave Egypt and start a new life in San Diego with her brother.

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Daughter of Sparta
By Claire M. Andrews
YA ANDREWS

Greek mythology

Guided by the handsome Apollo, Daphne journeys across ancient Greece to recover nine mysterious items stolen from Mount Olympus before the gods lose their powers and throw the mortal world into chaos.



Lovely War
By Julie Berry
YA BERRY

Greek mythology

Aphrodite tells her fellow Greek gods Hephaestus and Ares the intertwined stories of four mortals during World War I—a classical pianist from London, an aspiring architect-turned-soldier, a musical ragtime genius in the US army, and a Belgian orphan with a gorgeous voice and a devastating past.

Lore
By Alexandra Bracken
YA BRACKEN

Greek mythology

Every 7 years there is a hunt offering certain mortals the opportunity to claim divinity by killing one of the immortals, who are made mortal for one night. Lore has no desire to participate, but when a childhood friend asks her to help, and a wounded god offers an alliance, she overlooks the steep cost of this decision in exchange for vengeance.

Abandon
by Meg Cabot
YA CABOT

Greek mythology

A near-death experience, a horrible incident at school, and a move from Connecticut to Florida have turned seventeen-year-old Pierce's life upside-down, but when she needs him most John Hayden is always there, helping but reminding her of her visit to the Underworld.

Go the Distance
By Jen Calonita
YA CALONITA

Greek mythology

After Hercules proves he's a true hero and regains his godhood, Zeus tells Meg that she can't be with Hercules because she's mortal. However, Hera offers Meg a chance to prove herself worthy to join Hercules on Mt. Olympus.

Spin
By Rebecca Caprara
YA CAPRARA

Greek mythology

Sixteen-year-old Arachne turns to weaving for solace, but when word spreads of her skill she is confronted by the goddess Athena and the two enter a weaving contest that results in transformation and redemption.

City of the Plague God
By Sarwat Chadda
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Mesopotamian mythology

Thirteen-year-old Sikander Aziz has to team up with the hero Gilgamesh in order to stop Nergal, the ancient god of plagues, from wiping out the population of Manhattan.

Children of Ragnarok
by Cinda Williams Chima
YA CHIMA

Norse mythology

Desperate to escape her demon master, runecaster Reggin Eiklund flees to the Grove, while Eiric Halvorsen, falsely accused of murdering his modir and stepfadir, journeys to the Grove at the behest of a powerful jarl interested in restoring magic to the world.

A Snake Falls to Earth
By Darcie Little Badger
YA LITTLE BADGER

Apache mythology

Nina is a Lipan girl in our world. She still believes in the old stories. Oli is a cottonmouth kid, from the land of spirits and monsters. He's been cast from home, but found a new one on the banks of the bottomless lake. Nina and Oli have no idea the other exists. But a catastrophic event on Earth, and a strange sickness that befalls Oli's best friend, will drive their worlds together in ways they haven't been in centuries.

Loki: Where Mischief Lies
By Mackenzi Lee
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Norse mythology

When Loki and Amora cause the destruction of one of Asgard's most prized possessions, Amora is banished to Earth, where her powers will fade to nothing. When Asgardian magic is detected in relation to a string of murders on Earth, Odin sends Loki to investigate. His journey in 19th-century London leads to more than just a murder suspect, it puts Loki on a path to discover the source of his power, and who he's meant to be.



Starling
By Lesley Livingston
YA LIVINGSTON

Norse mythology

Mason Starling, a champion fencer at Gosforth Academy, finds her school overrun with terrifying creatures after a mysterious, ferocious storm falls on Manhattan and the mysterious stranger who saves her life becomes her only ally as they work together to discover his past and learn of Mason's family's dark allegiance to ancient Norse gods.

Lei and the Fire Goddess
By Malia Maunakea
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Hawaiian mythology

12-year-old Lei is forced to spend summers in Hawaii with her grandma who is determined to make sure she knows all her family's mo'olelo -- stories the kids back home don't care about or believe. But after insulting Pele, the Goddess of Fire, she learns just how real these legends are when the goddess takes her best friend and places a curse on her family--one that only Lei can lift.

Twisted Myths
By Maura McHugh
YA 398.2 MCH

Various mythologies

This collection of 20 myths from all over the world includes various gods, tricksters, and vengeful beings. Each story is accompanied by vivid, macabre illustrations that bring them to life.