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The Greek Gods (Point)
**Synopsis**

An excellent introduction to mythology, this book includes a glossary, afterword, and bibliography.

**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

Homeschooling is a tough job. This year my daughter is doing Greece. We started on mythology and dumped a lot of books. Then we discovered this one. What a little treasure this turned out to be!! Each god is described clearly, in an entertaining fashion. Every story was read and remembered with ease by her not yet 10 year old mind. Frankly, it should be in the library of every household....It can be read by all ages because it is entertaining and painless....

The Greek Gods is a book that was amazing and never a bore. It always starts with a new chapter that gives you thrill and is an adventure you never imagine. I would highly recommend this book to everyone who is interested in mythology. As for me I give this book five stars.

This book retells many of the Greek myths in simple terms that are appropriate for children. During the narrative, the authors note when there are significant alternate versions of a story, and also point out some of the connections between the stories and modern culture. For example, the idea of
a rosy baby confronting an old man with a scythe on New Years day is descended from the image of Zeus confronting Cronos, his father. The book doesn’t dwell on the gory details, but neither does it avoid the violence, murder, and rape that permeates these ancient myths. This book basically seeks to spark interest in the Greek myths among children, and when I was a child, it succeeded in spades. An undergraduate english professor once told me that the Bible and the Greek Myths are the two most important source documents for all the important works of English literature. This book will start a young person on a path to understanding one of these two sets of myths.

This book was the best I have ever read on The Greek Gods it is one of my all time favorites. Very good!!!

The Greek Gods is a good introduction, especially for younger audiences, to the wonderful myths of the Greeks. The book provides some stories of the gods of Olympia and other important mythical characters in a storytelling-like manner (if one reads the stories out loud, one shall find out what I mean). Once again, the book is only the tip of the iceberg because some of the tales about the gods are meager. Nevertheless, The Greek Gods is an entertaining, short read!

I used this book for 20 years with seventh-grade students. The retelling of these wonderful stories by Hoopes and Evslin is lively and informative.

I purchased for my granddaughter who is in middle school. They are currently studying the Greek Gods and she enjoyed the information and shared it.

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