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Why did the Greek gods and goddesses behave so badly? Because it is one thing for God to make man in his own image and quite another thing for man to return the favor.

Whether it is Zeus constantly philandering and turning his mistress into a cow in order to escape Hera's wrath or Artemis turning a Greek voyeur into a deer to be consumed by his own hunting dogs, petty feuding and revenge seemed to be the national pastime on Mount Olympus among the Greek gods and goddesses.

This book will look at the immortal, short-tempered, and oh-so-mortal actions of the Greek gods and goddesses, both major deities and the lesser ones in mythology. It will also look at the lives of heroes and how they managed to confound the gods' plans. And it will explore how the ancient Greeks tried to take advantage of their deities' fickle behavior and play to their vanity by sucking up to the god in control of the event in question. Was there a poor catch of fish? Pray to Poseidon that he may bring you a large haul. Did a fair maiden not respond to the sonnets that you penned for her about her articulated eye brows? Ask Aphrodite to change her heart and warm up to your prose. Is the city in need of feasting and revelry to cheer up its mood? Beseech Dionysus to bring a party atmosphere and possibly some of his vintage wine.

The actions of the ancient Greek gods and goddesses show that despite their intelligence, strength, and power over the affairs of life, they were all-too-human and subject to earthly temptation. They also demonstrate the dangers that come with having too much of a good thing.

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### **Brenda Ayala says**

This was perfect timing for me. I had been wanting to refresh my knowledge about the basic Greek mythologies, so this was just what I needed. It was written in such a way that it didn't require much extensive comprehension; unlike the classical stories (written by Homer for example) there was no need to bridge the gap between language today and language used then. The use of commas was a bit excessive but necessary considering most sentences spanned about three lines each.

It was comprehensive and I loved that it followed the basics of each level: the titans and the chaos, the Olympians, the minor gods, and the heroes. It was fun and definitely entertaining for me to revisit the myths that I knew very well and the ones I had forgotten both.

Also, I have no idea if I just missed it or what, but where were the bits about Hades? He was briefly mentioned when chronicling the twelve Olympians, and when discussing Demeter and Persephone, but I don't recall him having his own section.

One thing I thought was particularly entertaining and a good inclusion was the 'internet troll' god! I laughed at that comparison and could not help agreeing. It was a way to liken ancient gods with society today, it was excellent.

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### **Iset says**

Just a quick pick up from kindle lending library, this little book introduces the key figures of ancient Greek myth and legend and summarises their stories. A good starter for total beginners, but otherwise doesn't add anything new.

**6 out of 10**

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### **Theresa El-Thomas says**

This book is a must have for anyone that loves mythology.

This book is loaded with defiant behavior of both the Gods and of the men whom worshiped them. I really liked how this book had a story for each one of the Gods or Goddess individually. It gave you a deeper insight into their persona and characteristics that they were made of, it also related them back to nature.

Although, I would have liked to to seen pronunciations within the book because a lot of Greek names are difficult to interpret.

## Dina Coutu says

I won this book for free in a Goodreads First reads giveaway. If you need a refresher on your Greek mythology or want to know alot about it, this is the book for you! Good easy read, and really interesting material!

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## Rex says

Couldn't even finish it. Boring. Gave up at 75%. I rarely give up on a book.

It started out so promising and just went downhill.

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## Chris says

Good starting point.

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## Law says

Well, if you are extremely interested in the Greek gods and everything they were ever known to do then this is a great place to start. If you are like me and have watch some shows and movies about them and pick this up as a casual read it may be a bit tedious. This book is full of facts but that's about it. Other than that it's a bit of a cold read. Just my two cents.

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## ✿Claire✿ says

*Disclaimer: I was given this book by the author in exchange for an honest review*

For some reason, I was mildly surprised to discover this book was 'nonfiction' rather than a made up story but that didn't stop me enjoying it. This book introduced me to a range of lesser Gods and Goddesses I had never heard of and gave a brilliant overview of the lives of the main characters in Greek mythology.

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## Nour Sharif says

**I thought this book will be fun, but then I realized it will just be a statement of facts. I got so confused with all the names, and the writing style made me bored as hell. I am not going to waste any more time on this.**

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