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At first glance, the Gods of Olympus are as different from one another as salt is from sugar. Despite their bickering, they share a universal bond, a thread of commonality that unites them.

They're all jerks.

After a stint with the Olympic Bureau of Investigation, Plato Jones is through with the Gods and their political games. Against his protests, he's drawn into a murder investigation, where the murderer's targets are the Gods themselves.

Plato has cracked some tough cases: exposing cheating spouses, capturing treasonous heretics, hunting three-headed dogs. But this time he's in over his head. How can he solve a crime that's impossible to commit? And what chance does Plato—a mere mortal—have against something powerful enough to kill a God?

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Brian Palmer says

The story was interesting enough, but it was buried in quite a bit of awkward writing. I'd probably recommend this to somebody just starting to shift to longer novels, but otherwise, I'd recommend staying away. I suspect it was intended to be young adult fiction, although the copy I was reading didn't seem to indicate as such.

The writing was simple, either intentionally or not, with very short chapters. The main character, Plato Jones, had his moments and kept the hard-boiled attitude going fairly well, but without a supporting cast, that attitude had nothing firm to react against. The best friend, Hercules, was perhaps the blandest character I can remember reading; the one foible given him -- stinginess -- struck me as a one-note character tic desperately intended to make him stand out from background noise.

So, with all the issues that the characters have, the world building seemed even worse. It took the modern world, did a simple substitution of immortal gods as being at the top of the social structure, but apparently this would have no impact on the rest of the world. Stuff happened just so mythological names could be dropped, but it had the depth of Family Guy references.

Lynn Nyer says

Good mystery, well written with characters that you care about.

Marion says

Now, I won this book during a giveaway and don't worry my review will not be affected by this event. So... Robert B. Warren is **awesome**. I had very high expectations for this book and I know I probably shouldn't have done that but I mean... I just get really excited about greek mythology (Disney's Hercules and Percy Jackson. Oh YA!) As I was reading Murder on Olympus, I had absolutely **NO** idea who the killer was, like HOLY MOLEY!! There were suspects everywhere!! Let's just say, you'll probably have no idea who it is until the very end. Unless your Sherlock Holmes, of course...

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This book is hilarious, witty, and quickly paced (if that makes any sense). The short chapters were really nice because it felt like I flew right through the book. I definitely recommend **YOU** to read Murder on Olympus! I'm really excited for the sequel to come out because oh man! **THE EPILOGUE!!!**

Well I guess that's all for now...
'till the sequel release we shall meet again! ;p

Lily at Booklvr's Haven says

Review originally featured on Booklvr's Haven.

I am not sure when or how, but I had seen this cover and had read this blurb, and wanted to read it. When it was offered for review, I jumped on it. Though it felt like it took me a while to get through this novel, it was SO MUCH FUN!

Plato is the stereotypical P.I. Sarcastic, hurting for money, a bit of a boozier and a bachelor. He enjoys driving his ex-wife crazy, and enjoys oogling beautiful women and their errrr... assets. But he also once worked for the Olympic Gods, and he does not have fond memories of them at all.

Which makes him oh so interesting.

Not to mention, I was a total fanatic for mythology as a kid and teenager, specifically on the Greek gods themselves, so this book was a double treat!

And in this book, the impossible happens! The gods, who are supposed to be immortal, are dying! Someone found a way to exterminate them, and is doing it in a bloody, icky, and super violent way. And the one and only Zeus wants Plato on the case, and will NOT take no for an answer.

This was a fun and captivating read, full of action, with some delicious sarcastic and comedic moments thrown into the mix. This is a series that I would love to continue just to see the messes that Plato finds himself into next!

I received a eBook copy of this book for free to review from the author/publisher; this in no way influenced my review, all opinions are 100% honest and my own.

Angie Lisle says

A murder-mystery that reads like a pulp detective novel. Well-written Noir style prose creates fast-paced action. The main character - Plato Jones, a divorced private investigator - is based on the hero archetype, giving this book/series a strong appeal for male audiences.

There is a slight paranormal/fantasy twist to the genre - the clients, victims, and suspects are Greek gods. The gods have adapted to life in the modern world - Aphrodite is a socialite, Ares has become a rock star. It will be interesting to see where Mr. Warren takes this concept over the course of the series. I look forward to reading the sequel.

I received a free advanced copy of this book in exchange for review. I hadn't heard of the independent publisher, Dragonfairy Press, before this book, but I will be hunting down more of their publications.

B.R. Crichton says

This is the best book I have read in a very long time.

Robert B. Warren has taken the mythical Gods of Olympus and placed them in a very modern setting, skillfully putting them in the spaces that politicians and celebrities fill in the real world. The result is an entirely believable world where omnipotent beings rub shoulders with mortals and Demi-gods as they go about their business of rule and debauchery.

The writing style is reminiscent of other detective stories where the lead character narrates the story, and it is

done with real wit and great insight. Plato Jones is a very likable guy with strong convictions, caught up in a game that has been played for millenia, and as he hunts down the killer he has to negotiate the politics and in-fighting of the Deities as well as threats to his own life.

All of this is done with fantastic drama and wonderful humour.

This book does not deserve to be pigeon-holed in any particular genre; it should be read by anyone who loves well crafted prose and a compelling plot.

This book should be huge, and the author can be very proud.

Diantha Jones says

Originally posted at DJ's Book Corner

As someone who likes to read mythology books as much as I like to write them, I had pretty high expectations for this book. And guess what? This book met them. It was fun, HILARIOUS, and full of up-to-no-good Greek gods!

Plato Jones is a "retired" OBI agent that used to kick butt and take names for the gods of Olympus. He quit and started up his own agency, wanting never to deal with the gods and their games again.

Yeah, whatever. After a few gods are found dead, the gods come a-knockin' and the fun begins.

Plato was a rib-tickler of a main character whose thoughts and statements kept me laughing the entire book.

"I said you're small for a cyclops." I glanced at his lower half. "And judging by the size of that loincloth, I'm sure all the female cyclops would agree."

Plato made comments and statements like this throughout the book, but the ones he kept to himself were even funnier.

James grinned. His veneers were too big and too white for his mouth. They reminded me of piano keys.

Piano keys?! Really? So funny. Especially when I picture that in my head.

We get to meet most of the Olympians in this book and I really did like every single one. My favorite had to have been Hermes though. He was fantastic. Snarky, impatient, and just overall fun to read about. And guess who Plato's best friend was? Hercules! Ha! After Plato and Hermes, he was my next favorite character. Even though he was superhuman and super rich, he was also super CHEAP. Like, it was just so funny.

I really liked the world Warren created. Humans know all about the gods and treat them as international celebrities. The gods are all modernized with some pretty cool occupations and houses and such. Very awesome and something that I do in my own books. The plot was pretty good, too. You'll never figure out who the killer is so just go along for the ride. You'll have more fun doing that anyway. I liked how the mythology was tied into the plot, but Warren definitely added his own flavor to it and that was really cool. The writing was great and easy to follow, and I was just able to kick up my feet and just let myself flow through the story. The only reason this isn't a five star review is because I wanted a little more action, a little more adventure. It's just what I expect where Greek myth is concerned, and though there was a little action, it wasn't enough to WOW me.

But overall, a good read with just the right amount of cursing and vulgarity (Yes. I said what I meant). I

highly recommend it to fantasy and mythology fans. It's not a book bogged down with romance or anything like that, though there is a bit of the lovey-dovey, but it's tasteful and cute. Warren did a good job making sure it remained the hilarious mystery it is, therefore making it a read that everyone can enjoy. There will be more Plato Jones books and I can't wait!

Susan says

I received a copy of Murder on Olympus by Robert B. Warren after requesting it due to the mix of fantasy and mystery. I was not disappointed, as the author did full service to both genres. The mystery is very fast paced, with short chapters keeping the story moving along nicely. Although I am very familiar with Greek mythology, I did not foresee the twist that resolved the mystery. Warren also handled the fantasy well, providing enough background that someone not knowledgeable with Greek myths still could appreciate the story. I found the main character very engaging and human. And the Greek pantheon was translated into the modern world in an entertaining manner. I hope Warren plans on further adventures of Plato Jones!

Jillian (NetGalley Addict) says

This book was part of the blog tour I received a copy for my honest review
Plato Jones used to work for the Olympic Bureau of Investigation now he is a private investigator with his own firm that is close to shutting down. When he is asked to help find out who is killing Zeus and Heras children he initially says no, he has no love for the Gods but eventually he gives in . Plato has to deal with his ex-wife who wants him to want her back, people trying to kill him, Aries as his partner and Hermes as his boss. The main character in this book was a snarky self deprecating man named Plato, it was nice to get a male lead protagonist in the sea of females lately it was a breath of fresh air. This book did start out a little slow, building up the world and background stuff once that was out of the way the book really took off. The characters were interesting, the Gods were relatable and somewhat mortal while still being mysterious and larger than life. This book was a murder mystery with a mythological twist, the author did a good job of not having the paranormal aspect of the book overpower the story. This book was well written with the author giving small clues to the mystery that keep it moving forward without giving to much away or leaving you frustrated. Murder on Olympus is a good start to a new series and I am interested in seeing more from this author and the series.

Greta is Erikasbuddy says

This is one of the best books that I have read all year!

Full of humor and crime scenes "Murder on Olympus" will keep you up all night just itching to figure out what happens next.

I loved how the characters interacted with each other and great/modern/fun/loving the Gods were. This book is great!!

It's the perfect guy/girl book. So, if you are looking for a Father's Day gift for your bookworm Dad... GET THIS BOOK!!

Also, if you are looking for a lighter more fun Harry Dresden then might I suggest Plato Jones!!

I can't wait to read the next one!!!!

Clare says

Well what can I say this book has everything it needs to be a great private eye read and then some. Oh apart from this private eye story is a bit different as the people being investigated are the Greek Gods, yes the Greek Gods!

What with Zeus and Hera being known as the First Family, the fact they have their own version of the FBI called the OBI (Olympus Bureau of Investigation), Hercules not wanting to end up on the internet and sibling rivalry literally to die for what more could you want from a book.

If you love anything to do with the greek gods you will love this book which gives them a modern day twist which makes it all the better.

I am extremely happy that I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

Tim Hicks says

A very nice lightweight read. Recommended as a companion piece for a big heavy trilogy.

Plato is a generic wisecracking never-quit Private Eye.

He used to work for the Greek gods, who are still around but modernized.

They want him to investigate an apparently-impossible murder.

This calls for a guy who doesn't give up easily.

Good plot, recognizing much of what is known about quite a few members of the Greek pantheon.

I'll look for the sequel.

Rasma says

Perfect

The book I had been hoping for another author's books to really look forward to. Such a fresh take on how humanity would turn out if the Olympian's never left. Plato Jones is a private detective who left the elite Olympus Bureau of Investigation but now the Gods need him back. There is a God killer on the loose and the public can't know or chaos could reign. When Plato solves this case he knows there will be more and as an abomination as Hera put it I guess there is a mystery as to who he is now as well.

Suzanne says

I was fortunate enough to receive a copy of this book through a Library Thing giveaway. I am grateful to Library Thing for the opportunity to read and review this book, and as always, receiving a book for free does not alter my opinion of it.

I have to admit, I entered this giveaway because this seemed like a book my husband would really enjoy. He is a huge fan of detective stories, and of Greek mythology. The combination seemed perfect for him. What I was not expecting was that I would also really enjoy this story.

Robert B. Warren created a snarky, sarcastic character in Plato Jones, and the snarkiness really worked in the context of this story. It wasn't over done, he was never so sarcastic that he just seemed like a jerk, and he had a fairly refreshing view of life that made reading his story highly entertaining.

The world is nicely created as well, perfectly stitching the Greek Gods into modern society. There isn't a whole lot of backdrop on the Gods, but there is enough that even if you know nothing about Greek Mythology, you would be able to keep up. I was surprised by the lack of re-creation so to speak because I am used to Greek mythology stories that completely dive into the history of the Gods and are so detailed when it comes to them. But this isn't a story about the Gods, this is a story about a detective.

The bottom line? This is a great murder mystery detective story with just enough mythology thrown in to make it different. It is fast paced, light, and an overall fun read. If any of that sounds appealing, this is the book for you. I enjoyed it very much, and am glad I had the opportunity to read it. By the way, my husband read it also; he flew through this book in two days and is very impatiently awaiting the next book in this series! Of course I will be continuing with the series as well!

Crystal Spence says

Ok. I finished this book at like 4 am and I LOVED it!!!! I absolutely LOVED this concept!!! I read through this book fairly fast and I loved the short chapters making it easy to stop and do other things and then come right back. I loved how the author joined the Greek Gods into normal society and created a whole new world. I liked the mystery as well. It was well put together and the conclusion was perfect! I can not WAIT for the next Plato Jones books to come out! I want it NOW!! The author took care in really focusing on the integration of the Gods into society as well as mythical creatures. I loved the simple touches he put in, for example, when we would normally say "God!" in life as we know it, he made it where people would say "Gods!" It was just a wonderful read! Thanks so much for this book!
