



Young Adult Fiction: Mythology

Abouzeid, Chris. ***Anatopsis***. YA ABO

In the realm from which the Greek gods ruled the universe thousands of years ago, the immortal witch Anatopsis uncovers the true objectives of her demigod tutor Mr. Pound and attempts to prevent him from carrying out his evil plans.

Almond, David. ***A Song for Ella Grey***. YA ALM

Claire witnesses a love so dramatic it is as if Ella Grey has been captured and taken from her, but the loss of her best friend to the arms of Orpheus is nothing compared to the loss she feels when Ella is taken from the world in this modern take on the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice set in Northern England.

Barrett, Tracy. ***King of Ithaka***. YA BAR

When sixteen-year-old Telemachos and his two best friends, one a centaur, leave their life of privilege to undertake a quest to find Telemachos's father Odysseus, they learn much along the way about what it means to be a man and a king.

Blake, Kendare. ***Antigoddess***. YA BLA

Athena and Hermes' search for the cause of their life-threatening illnesses leads them to Cassandra, who may be key to a war started by Hera and other Olympians who have become anti-gods determined to destroy their rivals.

Blake, Kendare. ***Ungodly***. YA BLA

For the Goddess of Wisdom, what Athena didn't know could fill a book. So the assault on Olympus left them beaten and scattered and possibly dead. So they have to fight the Fates themselves, who, it turns out, are the source of the gods' illness. And sure, Athena is stuck in the underworld, holding the body of the only hero she has ever loved. But Hermes is still topside, trying to power up Andie and Henry before he runs out of time and dies, or the Fates arrive to eat their faces.

Cabot, Meg. ***Abandon***. YA CAB

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.

Cabot, Meg. ***Underworld***. YA CAB

John Hayden, a death deity, takes seventeen-year-old Pierce Oliviera back to the Underworld against her will to keep her safe from the Furies, but her family is still at risk and she, herself, may never escape his captivity. (sequel to *Abandon*)

Carter, Aimee. ***The Goddess Test***. YA CAR

It's always been just Kate and her mom—and her mother is dying. Her last wish? To move back to her childhood home. So Kate's going to start at a new school with no friends, no other family and the fear her mother won't live past the fall. Then she meets Henry. Dark. Tortured. And mesmerizing. He claims to be Hades, god of the Underworld—and if she accepts his bargain, he'll keep her mother alive while Kate tries to pass seven tests. Kate is sure he's crazy—until she sees him bring a girl back from the dead. Now saving her mother seems crazily possible. If she succeeds, she'll become Henry's future bride, and a goddess.

Childs, Tera Lynn. ***Oh. My. Gods***. YA CHI

When her mother suddenly decides to marry a near-stranger, Phoebe, whose passion is running, soon finds herself living on a remote Greek island, completing her senior year at an ancient high school where the students and teachers are all descended from gods or goddesses.

Despain, Bree. ***The Shadow Prince***. YA DES

Haden Lord, the disgraced prince of the Underrealm, has been sent to the mortal world to entice a girl into returning with him to the land of the dead. Posing as a student at Olympus Hills High a haven for children of the rich and famous, Haden must single out the one girl rumored to be able to restore immortality to his race. Daphne Raines has dreams much bigger than her tiny southern Utah town, so when her rock star dad suddenly reappears, offering her full tuition to Olympus Hills High's prestigious music program, she sees an opportunity to catch the break she needs to make it as a singer. But upon moving into her estranged father's mansion in California, and attending her glamorous new school, Daphne soon realizes she isn't the only student in Olympus who doesn't quite belong.

Elliott, David. ***Bull***. YA ELL

Much like Lin-Manuel Miranda did in *Hamilton*, the *New York Times* best-selling author David Elliott turns a classic on its head in form and approach, updating the timeless story of Theseus and the Minotaur. A rough, rowdy, and darkly comedic young adult retelling in verse, which NPR called “beautifully clever,” *Bull* will have readers reevaluating one of mythology's most infamous monsters.

Farmer, Nancy. ***The Islands of the Blessed***. YA FAR

Two years after their adventures in *The Land of the Silver Apples*, the apprentice bard Jack and his Viking companion Thorgil confront the malevolent spirit of a vengeful mermaid and begin a quest that casts them among the fin folk of Notland. (Third and last in a series)

Farmer, Nancy. ***The Land of the Silver Apples***. YA FAR

After escaping from the Sea of Trolls, the apprentice bard Jack plunges into a new series of adventures, traveling underground to Elfland and uncovering the truth about his little sister Lucy. (Second in a series)

Farmer, Nancy. ***The Sea of Trolls***. YA FAR

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls. (First in a series)

Friesner, Esther. ***Nobody's Princess***. YA FRI

Determined to fend for herself in a world where only men have real freedom, headstrong Helen, who will be called queen of Sparta and Helen of Troy one day, learns to fight, hunt, and ride horses while disguised as a boy, and goes on an adventure throughout the Mediterranean world.

Geras, Adele. ***Troy***. YA GER

Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

Harris, Joanne. ***Runemarks***. YA HAR

Maddy Smith, who bears the mysterious mark of a rune on her hand, learns that she is destined to join the gods of Norse mythology and play a role in the fate of the world.

Hocking, Amanda. ***Between the Blade and the Heart***. YA HOC

As one of Odin's Valkyries, Malin's greatest responsibility is to slay immortals and return them to the underworld, but when she unearths a secret that could unravel the balance of all she knows, she must decide where her loyalties lie.

Hocking, Amanda. ***Lullaby***. YA HOC

When Gemma runs off with a dangerous clique of powerful girls, Harper teams up with Daniel and faces unprecedented dangers to rescue her sister, who develops increasingly formidable magical abilities. (sequel to *Wake*)

Hocking, Amanda. ***Wake***. YA HOC

In the quiet seaside town of Capri, sixteen-year-old Gemma enjoys a close bond with her sister Harper and a growing attraction to next-door neighbor with Alex, but everything changes when, after partying with newcomers Penn, Lexi, and Thea, Gemma discovers she has powers that will force a terrible choice.

Homer. ***The Iliad***. 883 HOM

An epic poem about Achilles' vengeance against King Agamemnon and the city of Troy at the end of the Trojan War.

Jones, Diana Wynne. ***The Game***. YA JON

Sent to a boisterous family gathering in Ireland by her overly strict grandmother, orphaned Hayley feels out of place until her unruly cousins include her in a special game involving travel through the mythosphere, the place where all the world's stories can be found, and where some secrets of her past are revealed.

McKinley, Robin. ***Pegasus***. YA MCK

Because of a thousand-year-old alliance between humans and pegasi, Princess Sylvi is ceremonially bound to Ebon, her own pegasus, on her twelfth birthday, but the closeness of their bond becomes a threat to the status quo and possibly to the safety of their two nations.

Moulton, Erin E. ***Keepers of the Labyrinth***. YA MOU

Lilith Bennette runs at midnight. She scales walls in the dark and climbs without a harness. She hopes that if she follows exactly in the steps of her strong air force pilot mother, she'll somehow figure out the mystery of her mother's death—and the reason why her necklace of Greek symbols has been missing ever since. So when Lil is invited to Crete for a Future Leaders International conference, the same conference her mom attended years ago, she jumps at the chance to find some answers. But things in Melios Manor are not what they seem. Lil finds herself ensnared in an adventure of mythological proportions that leads her and her friends through the very labyrinth in which the real Minotaur was imprisoned. And they're not in there alone. What secrets does the labyrinth hold, and will they help Lil find the truth about her mother?

Napoli, Donna Jo. ***Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters***. YA 292 NAP

National Geographic Treasury of Greek Mythology offers timeless stories of Greek myths in a beautiful new volume. Brought to life with lyrical text by award-winning author Donna Jo Napoli and stunning artwork by award-winning illustrator Christina Balit, the tales of gods and goddesses such as Zeus, Aphrodite, Apollo, and Athena and heroes and monsters such as Helen of Troy, Perseus, and Medusa will fascinate and engage children's imaginations.

O'Guilin, Peadar. ***The Call***. YA OG

For the last twenty-five years every teenager in Ireland has been subject to "the call" which takes them away to the land of the Sídh, where they are hunted for twenty four hours (though only three minutes pass in this world)—handicapped by her twisted legs, Nessa Doherty knows that very few return alive, but she is determined to be one of them.

Riordan, Rick. ***The Lightning Thief***. J RIO

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. (First in the Percy Jackson series – also available as a graphic novel)

Riordan, Rick. ***The Lost Hero***. J RIO

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. (First in the Heroes of Olympus series)

Riordan, Rick. ***The Red Pyramid***. J RIO

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. (First in the Kane Chronicles series)

Scott, Kieran. ***Only Everything***. YA SCO

Eros (aka Cupid) is sent to earth after disobeying the gods and required to match three couples without her powers.

Shanower, Eric. ***Age of Bronze, Vol. 1, A Thousand Ships***. G 939.21 SHA

The story of A thousand ships was originally serialized in the comic book series Age of bronze, issues 1 through 9.

Shanower, Eric. ***Age of Bronze, Vol. 2, Sacrifice***. G 939.21 SHANOWER

The second in a graphic novel series detailing the events of the mythological Trojan War, this volume tells of Helen's arrival in Troy, Cassandra's prediction of doom, the relationship that shapes Achilles' destiny, and Agamemnon's choice to sacrifice his daughter.

Shanower, Eric. ***Age of Bronze, Vol. 3A, Betrayal, Part one***. G 939.21.SHA

The third in a graphic novel series detailing the events of the mythological Trojan War.

Sutcliff, Rosemary. ***The Wanderings of Odysseus: the Story of the Odyssey***. YA 883.01 SUT

A retelling of the adventures of Odysseus on his long voyage home from the Trojan War.

Tucholke, April Genevieve. ***The Boneless Mercies***. YA TUC

Four female mercenaries known as Boneless Mercies, weary of roaming Vorseland, ignored and forgotten until they are needed for mercy killings, decide to seek glory by going after a legendary monster in this reimagining of Beowulf.

Ursu, Anne. ***The Shadow Thieves***, YA URS

After her cousin Zee arrives from England, thirteen-year-old Charlotte and he must set out to save humankind from denizens of the underworld, Nightmares, Death, Pain, and a really nasty guy named Phil. (First in the Cronus Chronicles series)

Yee, F.C. ***The Epic Crush of Genie Lo***. YA YEE

Sixteen-year-old Genie's focus on getting into a top-tier college is destroyed when an enigmatic transfer student, Quentin, helps her transform into a demon-fighter.

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