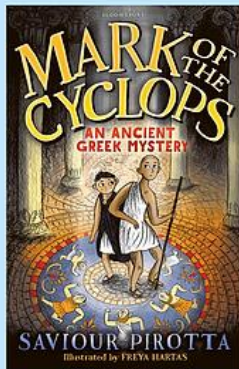


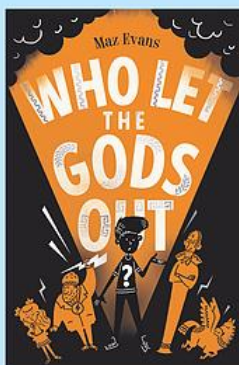
Ancient Greece



The Ancient Greek Mysteries

Saviour Pirotta & Freya Hartas
Illustrated chapter book

The Ancient Greek Mysteries are fun and action-packed stories that are perfect for introducing readers in KS2 to the topic of Ancient Greece. Steeped in historical detail, the series follows the adventures of a scribe called Nico and his friend Thrax, who is a slave, as they work together to solve mysteries. This series adds a new and welcome dimension to the bank of stories used in schools for the Ancient Greek topic, with a focus on everyday life rather than mythology. The four stories in the series are: [Mark of the Cyclops](#), [Secret of the Oracle](#), [Pirates of Poseidon](#) and [Shadow of the Centaurs](#).



Who Let the Gods Out?

Maz Evans
Chapter book

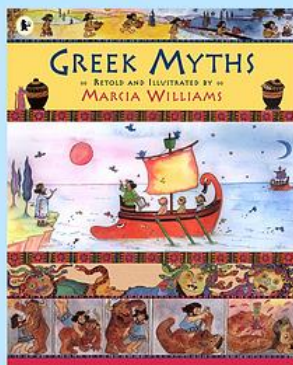
This fast-moving narrative with plenty of laugh-out-loud moments is a huge hit, especially with upper KS2. The story is based on the exploits of a boy called Elliot, who falls into an adventurous mission and calls on the help of the Olympian gods. Full of comedy scenes and sad parts too, we think this is an excellent story to read aloud for a light-hearted take on how Greek gods would fare in the modern world. There are also [chapter-by-chapter reading resources](#) available to download from the publisher.



Leo and the Gorgon's Curse

Joe Todd Stanton
Graphic novel style picture book

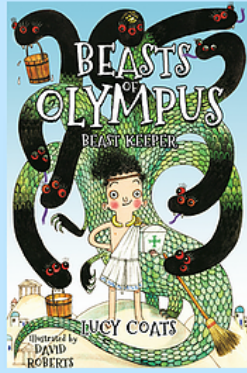
This highly appealing text is a hybrid between picture book and graphic novel. It follows the story of young Leo, who finds himself on an Ancient Greek quest to slay a beast. This modern twist on the myth of Perseus and Medusa is full of all of the delights expected of Greek mythology - monsters, heroes, quests and challenges - while emphasising a new set of values around what it means to be a hero.



Greek Myths

Marcia Williams
Comic-style information book

Sink your teeth into the weird and wonderful world of Greek mythology with Marcia Williams' visual retellings of right key stories. The dramatic stories are retold in a comic book style, with speech bubbles and many humorous details in both the text and illustrations that pupils will love. Encounter Pandora, Perseus, Athena, Heracles and a host of other heroes and gods too in this collection that make Greek myths easily accessible for children. An accompanying teacher pack is also [available from KS2History](#).



Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper

Lucy Coats & David Roberts
Chapter book

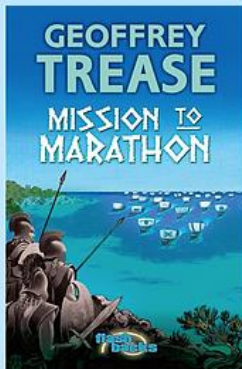
This action-packed novel is the first in the popular Beasts of Olympus series. It serves as a fun introduction to the gods, goddesses and creatures of Greek mythology. Complete with link illustrations by David Roberts, this is a humorous page-turner to be read out loud or for independent reading in lower KS2. It also comes with a handy glossary to orientate readers in the world of Greek mythology.



Greek Gods & Heroes

Sylvie Baussier & Almasty
Information book

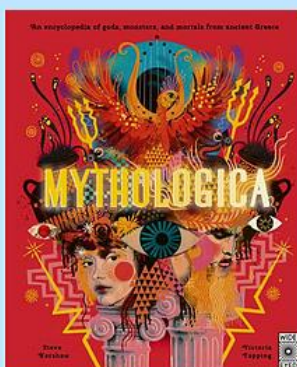
A stylised compendium of 40 different male and female figures from Greek Mythology including Odysseus, Athena, Pandora, Achilles and Zeus. Each character is given a double-page spread and introduced through bite-size chunks of text, bright graphics and with facts and figures presented in an infographic style. Greek mythology is not short on gory details, but this book simplifies the myths for children without skipping the important details of the story, as well as providing details about each character's genealogy, relationships and associated symbols.



Mission to Marathon

Geoffrey Trease
Chapter book

Historical fiction set during the battle of Marathon, in which the Persians landed near the Ancient Greek city of Marathon in order to attack. When news of the impending invasion reaches Athens, young Philip is sent on a mission across the mountains to warn his family before it is too late. History lovers in upper KS2 will enjoy this exciting adventure based on a key event in Ancient Greek history.



Mythologica: An Encyclopedia of Gods, Monsters and Mortals from Ancient Greece

Dr Stephen Kershaw & Victoria Topping
Illustrated encyclopedia

Impressive from the outset, this large-format, boldly-stylized hardback book is a visual feast exploring the details of 50 Greek gods, goddesses, mortals and monsters. Each spread shows a new character, with poster-like images depicting the classical characters in a new light; vibrant, modern representations in an energetically layered collage style. Classics scholar Dr Stephen Kershaw provides a written description of each of the 50 characters, bringing out key characteristics, roles and relationships as well as a summary of the associated myths. Suitable for upper KS2+.



Fleeced!

Julia Wills
Chapter book

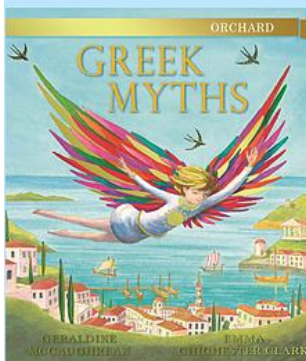
Fleeced is a spirited and witty story that sees characters from classical Greek mythology transported to modern day London. Guaranteed to have your class laughing out loud, this exciting adventure is a great way to engage with Greek myths in a new way and a great springboard for children to write their own present-day mythological stories.



So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Greece

Chae Strathie & Marisa Morea
Information book

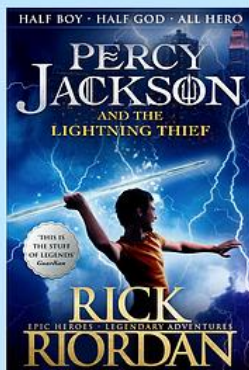
Through words and pictures, the book compares modern-day life to different aspects of daily life for the Ancient Greeks, including clothing, education, jobs, pets, food and pastimes, viewing each topic through the eyes of a child. An enjoyable information text that would appeal to children in KS2, this is the kind of book that helps young readers to move beyond hard facts and begin to reflect on what life might have felt like for those living in ancient times.



The Orchard Book of Greek Myths

Geraldine McCaughrean & Emma Chichester Clark
Illustrated short story collection

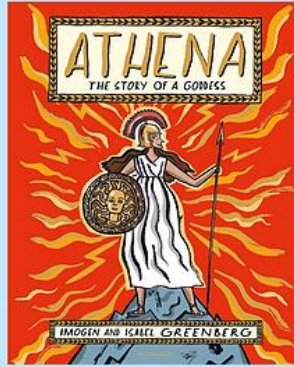
This superb and beautifully illustrated collection contains 16 popular Greek myths retold in rich but accessible storytelling language. The Orchard Book of Greek Myths allows readers to follow the adventures of Jason, Theseus, Odysseus, Icarus, Arachne, King Midas and many more heroes and heroines of Ancient Greek mythology and features colour artwork throughout.



Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief

Rick Riordan
Chapter book

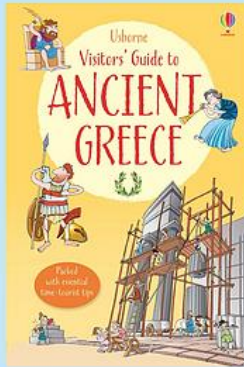
This is a multi-million selling series that has also been televised with Disney and is hugely popular among fans of action and adventure. Percy Jackson's modern world is turned upside down when he finds out he is descended from Greek gods. What follows is battles with monsters and epic quests in an action-packed series that merges Greek mythology with the modern world. There are also [Teachers' Notes available to download](#) from the publisher.



Athena: The Story of a Goddess

Imogen & Isabel Greenberg
Information book

This illustrated story brings into spotlight the Greek goddess Athena. Beginning with the surprising story of her birth and going on to detail her interactions with gods, goddesses and mortals as threads from a number of key Greek myths are woven together to tell her story. Many Greek myths focus on male protagonists, but here the determined and fearless Athena is given centre stage among graphic style bold illustrations. [Teaching notes are also available to download](#) from the publisher.



A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece

Lesley Sims
Information book

Written like a guide book for time travellers, this text is a perfect introduction to life in Ancient Greece. Full of details, images, weblinks and interesting facts, A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Greece is a handy book to have in the classroom to add a new dimension to your Ancient Greece topic as well as offering a stimulus for children to write their own tourist guides.