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Hercules: The Twelve Labors [A Greek Myth] (Graphic Myths And Legends)



Synopsis

Famous for his superhuman strength, Hercules is the most popular hero in Greek mythology. The son of Zeus and the goddess of the gods and a mortal mother, Hercules faces the wrath of Zeus's wife Hera, who resents her illegitimate stepson and vows to bring him misery. With her magical powers, she tricks Hercules into performing a series of twelve seemingly impossible labors, each one a test of his strength, courage, cunning, and fighting skill. Is Hercules strong enough to foil her scheme? For this exciting retelling of the twelve labors, author Paul Storrie consulted the classic work *The Age of Fable* (1859), by American Thomas Bulfinch, and Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* (1942), both of which are considered the best resources about ancient myths and legends. Artist Steve Kurth also relied on historical research to accurately bring to life the world of ancient Greece.

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Customer Reviews

I have always been interested in Greek and Roman mythology stories and I have read quite a few of them over the years. When I saw this graphic novel version I immediately purchased it even though I have read this story (Hercules: The twelve labors, A Greek myth by Paul Storrie, Steve Gurth and Barbara Schuz) in school many years ago. This Greek tale is about Hercules who is half God and

half human. His father is Zeus, the king of the Gods, but his mother, Alcmena was mortal. Zeus's wife, the Goddess Hera hates Hercules because Zeus had mated with a mortal. She plots with King Eurystheus to destroy Hercules by sending the warrior on dangerous missions in hopes Hercules will get killed or fail, but Hercules succeeds in all twelve labors. The illustrations are beautiful in this graphic novel and really make the story come alive. Even if you have already read this story in another book, if you like graphic novels, you should check out this publication. I found this a fun graphic novel to read. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute).

The book arrived in the time frame expected and was in great condition. I love this book. Great way to introduce Myths and legends to students with special needs. My students found it easy to read and it met requirements in my English class.

In spite of its great graphics, I wasn't as impressed with this story as with the others in this collection because more space was needed for a good graphic retelling of Hercules' twelve labors. It seems that the storyteller and illustrator are giving us a brief survey of Hercules' adventures. Good examples are the King Arthur editions or Odysseus' story. Nevertheless, it was OK. You still have the story of courage and it lends itself well to a discussion on character traits, motives, and goals, as well as mythology.

I found out that I had to finish a book by the next day at my school and I was freaking out trying to find a book! This book saved me. It is very interesting and I found it enjoyable! I hope you do too!

The boys and girls love this book. Lot of action and great illustrations.

Introducing mythology through graphic novels is a wonderful reading strategy, students love this one- most are familiar with the story; great book!

Enjoyed reading the story but doesn't go into all the detail of other works. The graphics are beautiful and make it interesting for children to read.

Excellent retelling!

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