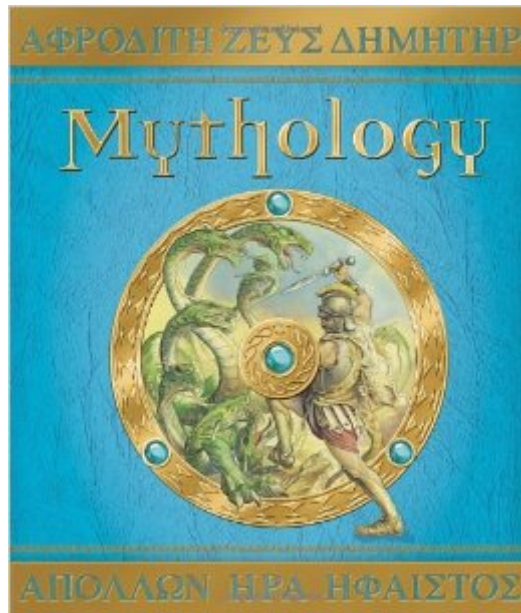


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Customer Reviews

My first grader has recently become interested in mythology after listening to the story of the winged

horse, Pegasus. Seeing that this was offered at a great price here on , I promptly purchased it, and it has been such a joy to peruse the pages of this wonderful book with my daughter. The book itself is attractively bound, and has a lovely aquamarine color with embellishments on the front, and depicts Hercules killing the Hydra. Written in the form of a mystery, the book purports to be a facsimile of a book that was used by a certain John Oro to contact the Greek Gods for his own benefit, and which results in ill-fated consequences. Lavishly illustrated, the book begins with an introduction to mythology and contains short stories of well-known Greek myths such as the story of King Midas and his Golden Touch, an excellent antique-looking map of ancient Greece, together with a genealogical table of the gods, monsters, and heroes of ancient Greece. This is followed by pages on the creation of the gods; monsters and mythical beasts (contains a little insert which depicts the various serpents, as well as a specimen of the Golden Fleece); the origins of mankind (a pop-up of Pandora's box is included here); Zeus and Hera (with an insert containing 'sacred' oak leaves that can be used as an oracle); Poseidon and the sea (with a really abbreviated version of The Odyssey); Hades and the underworld (with a replica of an ancient obol); Ares, Aphrodite, and Hephaestus (with a golden replica of a death mask imprint); Apollo, Hermes, and Dionysus (with knowledge cards of the Gods of Olympus); Athena, Artemis, and Hestia (has lovely illustrations of the three Goddesses); Heracles and the Greek Heroes (and large illustration of the Cretan Labyrinth); and, the Trojan Horse.

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