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The story about how Hades kidnapped Persephone when she was picking flowers? Totally false! Zeus made that story up to make himself look better. What else would you expect from a total myth-o-maniac? The truth is, Persephone was trying to escape her overprotective mother, Demeter. King Hades, Ruler of the Underworld, is here to set the record straight.

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AWD says

This is supposed to be Nice Shot Cupid or something.

ForeverDaydream says

Meh. I liked the first Mythomania book, and I generally like reading Hades and Persephone retellings, especially when Persephone is not kidnapped but trying to escape an overbearing mother, but this was cheapened by constant allusions to modernity. Horses named Harley and Davidson? Really? A cell phone? Really? Pizza? TV? It felt inauthentic, gimmicky. And this gimmickiness rubbed off on the characters, too: they all felt like diet-soda, cookie-cutter pop-cultured versions of themselves. Furies in miniskirts? Really? Talking to Persephone about fashion and throwing the wedding of the century? It's so unoriginal. I feel like too many children's stories are like this--one of the female characters might be an artist, a scientist, or a bookworm, but they're all fashion plates and love to shop, dress up, and party. That's not what adult life is about--I think this trend could set up dangerous expectations and blind people to all the other options there are out there. It shouldn't be a given that girls love fashion. There are so many other things out there.

Ayshwaryaa Hariharan says

I thought this book was good. To me, it actually seemed funny. Hades, king of the Underworld, narrates the story from his perspective. So, here's how the story goes. I'll just mention what the book is about. Okay, so in this book, Hades says, from his perspective, that Zeuz is a liar and Zeuz made up the story that we all know as a greek myth to make Hades look bad. Now, Hades didn't snatch away Persephone; Persephone tried escaping from her over-protecting mother, Demeter, and went with Hades to the Underworld. Thinking that Hades snatched away her daughter, Demeter begged Zeuz to help her get back Persephone. She even said that nothing would bloom on Earth until Persephone returned. And so, on the day Zeuz, Demeter, and some other gods came to the Underworld to rescue Persephone, it was Persephone and Hades wedding. You figure the story out by reading it! I'm telling, honestly, this book is awesome!

Hao huang says

Phone Home, Persephone! Is the second of the series Myth-O-Mania by Kate McMullan. This story is written with heart by the ruler of the underworld, Hades(this is the first story he written by his own! the first story was the ghost writers from his kingdom using his point of view). It is about how Hades met his queen Persephone, and after the problem they had pull through they finally can get married.

Do you think you know the answer of how they meet each other? Is Hades kidnapped Persephone that one? If you say yes, unfortunate, you get WRONG. Can you imagine that Persephone goes to the underworld was just to get rid of her overprotect mother? This is how the way it is. One day Hades was going to the cave which has a path back to the underworld, then he saw someone waving wildly at him, that was Persephone,

goddess of Spring, she was having a picnic but saw Hades by chance. She's also trying to get rid of her mom, so she asked Hades to give her a ride to the underworld. Hades refused, of course, if every immoral wants to go to underworld then it's not mysterious anymore. Hades said goodbye to Persephone and start going back to underworld. when he arrived there, he realized Persephone had sat at the back of his chariot, and followed him into the underworld! He gets shocked, then said to Persephone he'll take her back to the earth. But Persephone said she wants to stay in the underworld just for a day, Hades hardly accept but at last he says so. While he showed the underworld to her, Hades had a strange feeling inside his heart in the first time in his life. As staying with Persephone, he starting slowly liked her. And Hades finds out more problem needs him to solve.

This book is more humor than the first book, and has a bit romantic inside it. It's fun reading it! This weekend I'll try to achieve another review blog as well. Trying hard to get excellent!

Owen says

This is the second book in the series about Hades's true stories about the Greek myths. In this book Hades tells the story of how he met/married Persephone. It is like nothing that you would imagine.

I can make a text-to-self connection to this book. In the book Hades was framed for stealing Persephone and taking her to the underworld. It is just like being framed for something you didn't do but no body believes you.

I would give this book 5 stars because it is one of my favorite books. You can't put it down and it never gets boring. I would recommend this book to people of all ages. It is a very fun book.

Linda Jaejoong says

In Band 2 der "Myth-O-Mania" Reihe geht es darum wie sich Hades und Persephone kennen und lieben gelernt haben. Die Geschichte war nicht wirklich meins, denn Persephone hat einfach nur genervt. Sie war mir so unsympathisch und so ichbezogen und was sie mit Hades gemacht hat fand ich auch nicht gut. Ich verstehe nicht wie andere sie mögen können, sie ist eine richtige Schlange.

Auch habe ich nicht verstanden wie Hades ihr das verzeihen konnte und ich hab auch nicht verstanden warum er sie auf einmal doch liebt, mir hat da einfach was gefehlt. Cerbie war mein absoluter Liebling im Buch und er ist ein Hund, dass sagt eine Menge über die Qualität des Buches aus.

Fazit: Das Buch war etwas langatmig und nicht wirklich spannend. Wir lernen viele neue Charaktere kennen und es kommen auch ein paar alte Bekannte wieder vor. Das Cover ist wieder sehr schick und auch die Innengestaltung ist sehr gelungen. Band 2 war eine Enttäuschung, aber ich hoffe Band 3 wird wieder besser sein!!

PurpyCookie says

Did Hades really kidnapped Persephone according to Greek myth? Not really, according to Hades, the King

of Underworld, who claims Zeus is "a myth-o-mania" (old Greek for 'liar'.)

Hades writes how he meets Persephone, the goddess of spring, learns about her surprising over-bearing mother Demeter, and the ending is a good one. Imagine all those residents of the Underworld and Mt. Olympus actually agreeing on something.

I'd definitely recommend this to anybody who knows the real story of Persephone and those who enjoy reading about classic Greek myths in a totally new, skewed light.

Book Details:

Title Phone Home, Persephone! Book #2 (Myth-O-Mania)

Author Kate McMullan

Reviewed By Purplycookie

Krayfish1 says

This book is adorable. It's the story of Persephone & Hades from Hades point of view, told like Persephone is a modern teenager. Hades affection for Cerberus is really cute. I want to read the other ones.

Dolly says

We are on a bit of a Greek mythology binge right now and our girls are fascinated by the characters and the stories. We are waiting for the next book in the Goddess Girls series, and in the meantime, we plan to read the books in the Myth-O-Mania series too. They are fun to read and have a youthful and humorous perspective that makes it simple for people to remember the various characters and their stories. We are balancing these fun tales off with more classic fare, like Favorite Greek Myths, so our girls can hear the original tales, too.

This book offers a humorous take on the story of Persephone - we really enjoyed the wit and wry sarcasm. The tale was rendered with enough fidelity to recognize the story, but it was still a very different version. It's a fun book to read aloud, but it took us quite awhile to finish it since we'd only read a chapter or two at a time.

Julian P says

I have finished reading Phone Home Persephone by Kate McMullen. The book is about Hades meeting a goddess named Persephone. Hades likes living alone in his kingdom but Persephone wants to tag along on a ride to the underworld. Hades won't let her but she sneaks onto his chariot and tags along to the underworld. When they reached his kingdom he noticed Persephone was on the cart with him and he was furious. He was tempted to take her to the surface but he was too tired so he just took her to his palace. After the day Hades

took her back to the over world and she was upset because he left her in a place far away from the entrance of his kingdom. A few days later he felt sort of bad so he went up to the over world and had a picnic with her. During the picnic Cupid shot Hades and made him fall in love with Persephone. They went to the underworld and planned a wedding but Demeter (Persephone's mom) got all of the Olympians to storm the underworld and they fought the ghosts while Hades and Persephone went to the over world and had a wedding. If I was Hades and I knew that I was shot by Cupid I would be furious at Persephone for hiring him.

Jakey says

I like when Demeter invents winter, Florida, and vacation.

Echo says

Fun, over the top characters, references to modern things as if gods had invented them eons ago and we only got to play with them recently. Lots of fun.

Bart Everson says

This book is squarely aimed at the kiddies, yet as a full grown adult with some gray whiskers I found I enjoyed it nonetheless. In fact I thought it was better than *Gods Behaving Badly*, which has a similar concept but with an adult orientation. Actually that book attempts to bring the Olympian gods into the modern era, whereas *Phone Home Persephone* is simply a re-telling of the ancient tale in ancient times. The perspective is modern, but the setting is still ancient. It's full of wry humor, and while the narrator (Hades) subverts the familiar Demeter-Persephone myth, it's also full of authentic details. It's light and fluffy and only took me an hour to read, but I laughed out loud more than once, and I don't laugh easy.

Carrie says

I am the worst, really one of the very worst at remembering who was who in the different mythos. So with that in mind, I don't think I will forget at this point who Persephone, Demeter, or Hades are. Pretty good for a fourth grade level book. *grin* It was fun taking it from my daughters book shelf for a day.

Linda says

Love this humorous twist on the ancient Greek myths.
