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Robert Graves (1895–1985) is the author of the historical novel *I, Claudius*, the classic war memoir *Goodbye to All That*, and more than 140 other published works, including

translations of Homer and Suetonius for Penguin Classics. Rick Riordan is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series, the Kane Chronicles, and the Heroes of Olympus. More than twenty million copies of his books are in print. After teaching middle school English and history for fifteen years, he now writes full time in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife and two sons. Ross MacDonald is an illustrator, comic-book artist, and contributing editor of the *Virginia Quarterly Review* whose illustrations have appeared in *The New Yorker*, *Vanity Fair*, *Newsweek*, and *Time*, among other magazines. He lives in Connecticut.

This is a good book. I've read some of the more scholarly comments regarding the accuracy of Graves conclusions regarding the central significance of the woman / white goddess. I'm no scholar, but I found it all enlightening and I'm inclined to see his point of view. It also gives fuel for thought if you're skeptical about the composition of the Bible. My paper back copy was in poor condition, so I ordered this as a replacement.

Let's be clear, this is a written book, not graphical. The Rick Riordan intro is fun and an interesting read, but the bulk of the book is truly fascinating.

beautifully done paperback. love the pop culture cover treatment to Robert Graves' Greek Myths. The book itself is an enjoyably serious work by the eminent poet/writer Robert Graves. I almost wish that the cartoons cover was also shown in the text. But it's a wonderful book, wonderfully printed by a teacher who loves the Greek myths and Graves' work in particular.

An excellent version of a classic, at a bargain price

I was at first taken in by the comic-book-style cover, but inside I found a truly divine treasure. The book itself is wonderfully designed and a joy to hold (I refuse to trade in my love of a real book for a "mechanical" one). I at first bought two books, intending to give one away. The time did come to give one to a friend, but I could not find my second one. I was madly searching for it, when, to my great surprise, I found it in a Rest Home library where I had placed it earlier, but had forgotten about. Therefore, I had to purchase another book from with all due haste. Now it sits in all its magnificence back in my library. I love to read and re-read the stories of Pasiphae and Ixion, as well as many other stories. Robert Graves has given us a work of genius. Pure pleasure!

This is a FANTASTIC book that includes every major AND minor Greek myth! Introduction by well known author Rick Riordan. Contents well indexed and easy to use.

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