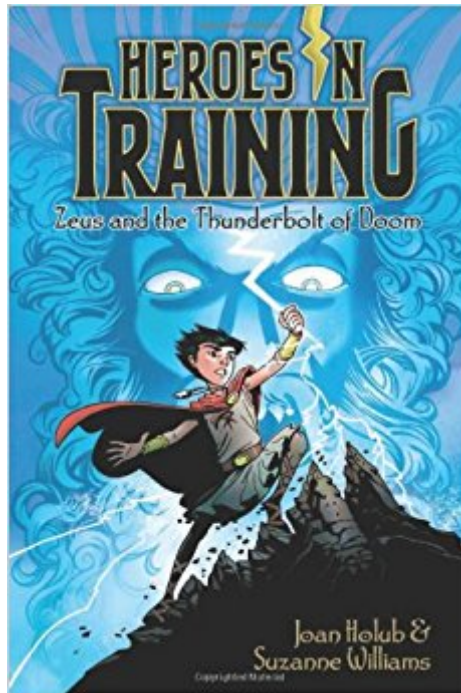




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Zeus And The Thunderbolt Of Doom (Heroes In Training)



Synopsis

After pulling a magical thunderbolt from a stone, ten-year-old Zeus goes on the adventure of a lifetime in this thrilling start to a brand-new series! The terrible Titans--merciless giants who enjoy snacking on humans--have dominated the earth and put the world into chaos. But their rule is about to be put to the test as a group of young Olympians discover their powers and prepare to righteously rule the universe....

Ten-year-old Zeus is mystified (and super-annoyed) by the fact that he keeps getting hit by lightening. Every. Single. Year. He also longs for adventure, as he has never been far from the cave where he grew up.

Zeus gets his wish--and a lot more than he bargained for--when he is kidnapped by dangerous, giant Titans! In self-defense, he grabs the first thing he sees--an actual thunderbolt he pulls from a stone that is covered in mysterious markings. Zeus is the only one who can decipher the markings, and sets off on a quest to rescue his youthful fellow Olympians from the evil Cronus. Armed with his trusty thunderbolt (named Bolt, of course), Zeus is on an adventure of a lifetime--and a journey to fulfill his destiny as King of the Gods.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 2-4-This funny chapter book retells the story of Zeus, Cronus, and the Olympians. Many kids will already be familiar with Cronus, King of the Titans, who swallows his children so that they might never steal his throne. Zeus, the youngest of the Olympians, is smuggled out to a mountaintop sanctuary, and it is from this haven that he is kidnapped by some hungry, none-too-bright giants. Along their journey to Cronus, Zeus, who has always heard voices foretelling some great destiny, is helped by a number of mythological creatures. The voices and some strange clues he finds along the way lead him to think that the Olympians trapped inside Cronus are the key to his survival, even though he doesn't know the truth about who they are. This is a fun read, casting Zeus in the role of relatable kid, and there is a nice balance between his primary goal of survival and his sense of destiny and adventure. Drawings throughout illustrate particularly dramatic scenes, but for the most part, Zeus and his world are left to readers' imaginations. The story ends with him freeing the Olympians, who he is surprised to find are kids like himself. He agrees to travel with these new friends to find the rest of the Olympians, setting up the future of the series nicely. Share this title, and likely more to come, with those still too young for Percy Jackson's adventures.-Heather Talty, formerly at Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School, New York City
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With its tales of heroism and intrigue, Greek mythology provides the perfect fodder for engaging children in literature. Ten-year-old Zeus knows very little about his infancy and his parents, and he certainly cannot explain why he has been struck by lightning innumerable times. When he is kidnapped by Titan giants who eat humans for sport, his true Olympian powers become even harder to explain and control. After he pulls a lightning bolt from a stone, he can no longer deny his immortality, and the hilariously annoying anthropomorphic bolt becomes his sidekick. The tale is narrated by omniscient and clairvoyant Pythia, the Oracle of Delphi, whose blurry vision of the future makes for some fun wordplay. Clearly, there is some profound rewriting of classic Greek tradition in this tale, but in spite of some artistic license, it is a good primer for kids on the major players of mythology and will be equally well received among existing fans of the genre. Frequent black-and-white illustrations offer up general, action-y visual breaks. Grades 3-6. --Erin Anderson
--This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

My 8 year old son loved this book and the "Heroes in Training" series!This series is a fun, inventive way to introduce children to mythology. The Olympians are 10 year olds who must discover their powers and overthrow the Titans. Along with introducing the mythological characters and creatures,

the book provides a nice message of overcoming fears and discovering oneself. Zeus, terrified of lightning storms, must learn to embrace his new powers, and rather than starting as a powerful god, he is happy attempting to be a hero. I read this first book in the series out loud to my 5 and 8 year old sons on a car trip. They enjoyed the adventure and sometimes cheesy humor. Then my 8 year old devoured the following books in the series. I was happy to find a series for him that he would actually chose to read over playing video games! Highly recommended.

My kindergartener and I have been desperately seeking suitable reading material to meet his ever growing needs. This series, so far is a challenging read for him with plenty of new vocabulary and has the ability to keep him interested in the story in spite of the lack of pictures. I think it is the right mix of fun and adventure to keep him going, though it didn't turn out to be the page turner I had hoped for. Here is what my son says: It was the best chapter book on my Kindle. Because it's very exciting, and it's full of fun and adventure. Every part is my favorite part. I could read it to my best friend if we have another playdate.

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My granddaughter loved it!

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It was the best book I ever read! It's too amazing for words! I can't wait to read more from this series.

the story is a mixture of commodity and Greek mythology and I think it's a great book for all ages

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