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This work brings together the stories of the gods and goddesses of Greece, Rome and Northern mythology. It demonstrates how these images have helped enrich the development of English literature. In addition there is a chapter on Eastern religion and myth.

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Nick says

Dated, but interestingly dated: as well as recounting myths from ancient Greece and other cultures, Bulfinch inadvertently gives us an insight into the Victorian perspective on these myths, and how the Victorians related them to Christianity, seances, etc. Clearly written and moderately interesting throughout.

Takim Williams says

This was a fun read. I recognized many of the stories and gods of ancient mythology, while others I had never heard of. I recognized the origins of certain words and phrases in my own language, such as "dead-Pan silence" or the word meander, which was the name of a Greek river. I also didn't know until reading this that Tolkien's concept of dwarves and elves, and even the name "Middle Earth" are straight out of Norse mythology.

J. says

Like taking a master class in Greco-Roman mythology from the comfort of your own home. Concise, well organized--the absolute best of this kind of book. The only downfall is the feels-very-tacked-on-at-the-last-minute final section(s) exploring comparative mythology across the world. Absolutely a must-have for serious scholars (and I don't know how I managed to live without it on my shelf this long).

Renee says

I haven't read anything about mythology in ages and because I'm working on something which relies heavily on myth, I thought it couldn't hurt to do a bit of research. I'm not sure how to evaluate this book simply because in terms of writing, it's very...text-like? There was no real coherence for me. I felt like I was reading something slapped together without rhyme or reason.

However, I did learn a few interesting things and it helped me to remember some myths I'd completely forgotten and the references to literature were helpful too. I now have a list of books I'd like to pick up to study further.

If you're looking for a straightforward "guide" to mythology, this isn't the book you want. If you're looking to learn the basics, as in you've never really read much about it, then it might be useful.

Lucia M says

Empecé a leerlo temiendo que fuera pesado o tedioso pero me llevé una sorpresa. Es un libro básico que aborda principalmente una selección de mitos griegos y romanos, dejando para el final, y de manera breve, mención de mitos de otras culturas como por ejemplo la nórdica. El relato de los mitos es enriquecido además por comentarios que ayudan a entender el significado que puede estar oculto por una metáfora, también se suman pasajes de distintos poetas que usaron los mitos en sus obras. Como ya aclara la contratapa de este volumen es un contenido para aquellas personas que no conozcan demasiado a fondo los mitos, más bien sirve para entrar en contacto o hacer un repaso del Olimpo.
