



Circe by Madeline Miller
Reviewed by Harini



Stand Alone, Fantasy

Give a summary without spoilers!

This novel explores the life of Circe and follows her journey from a scorned and underestimated nymph to a powerful witch, revealing her encounters with famous figures from Greek mythology, such as Odysseus, Hermes, and Athena. Through her experiences, Circe discovers her strength and independence and ultimately finds her place in the world.

What drew you to this book?

I find Greek Mythology interesting, and after reading the *Odyssey*, I wanted to know more about Circe, who is mentioned in a small section of the *Odyssey*. Although this book is a work of fiction and a retelling, it does an excellent job of exploring Circe's story.

Did it remind you of something that you've previously read?

Yes, "*Circe*" reminded me of the *Odyssey* because it features the character of Circe, just like in the poem. Both pieces of literature are connected through their exploration of Greek Mythology.

To whom would you recommend this book?

I recommend this novel to someone interested in Greek Mythology and would like to know more about it. This novel also establishes the history and foundation of Greek Mythology well, so it is an excellent book for someone just beginning to explore this type of fantasy. The storyline is also very interesting and fast-paced and offers new perspectives and lesser-known narratives that will keep anyone wanting to keep reading.

Overall, did you like it and would you recommend it to others?

I liked this book and would recommend it to others because it dove deep into Greek mythology but still presented enough action to keep it exciting and the story moving. I also enjoyed how the story kept my interest throughout the book and didn't find any point where I felt something was dragging on.

Anything else that you would like to add to this review? What made you choose it? Did you like the cover? Was it recommended to you? Did you find it at the library?

I chose this book primarily because of the captivating cover. I liked how it had a "fantastical" element to its design, and it felt very fitting for a book about Green Mythology. I also like the colors that were chosen as they contrast nicely, and it stands out from the other books that typically have the same color scheme.