



*Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
Reviewed by Tessa



Book One: Percy Jackson and the Olympians Series

### **Give a summary without spoilers!**

A twelve year old boy named Percy Jackson has learned that he is the son of a Greek god and that the myths and legends of Greek mythology are real. Percy becomes involved in a conspiracy that leads him to go on a quest across America to clear his name and solve the mystery.

### **What drew you to this book?**

I had to read this book in school but quickly became hooked on the characters and unique story of Greek mythology in real-life. It was very exciting and I ended up reading the rest of the series!

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

It has similarities to the Harry Potter series because of the similar following of the “hero’s journey” arc. Two young boys discovering their true identity and going to a new place in this new world.

### **To whom would you recommend this book?**

I would recommend *The Lightning Thief* to middle schoolers that enjoy adventure but anyone can read and enjoy it. *The Lightning Thief* can also teach readers about Greek mythology so any kids who are interested in learning about these tales would also enjoy it.

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

I did like it and suggest that others read it. As I get older, the book loses a bit of its touch but it is definitely fresh with good humor and action.

### **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?**

The cover is very interesting and looking at it will definitely make someone pick it up and start reading. Although I was given a copy for school, you can definitely find the Percy Jackson book series at any local libraries, book-swaps or bookstores.