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The Children's Homer: The Adventures Of Odysseus And The Tale Of Troy





Synopsis

[Read by Robert Whitfield -- aka -- Simon Vance] Padraic Colum's classic retelling combines the immortal stories from Homer's Iliad and Odyssey into one glorious saga of heroism and magical adventure. Come voyage to ancient Greece with Achilles who, guided by the gods, seeks vengeance on the Trojans. And follow Odysseus on his perilous journey on the sea - through the land of the Cyclopes, past Circe the Enchantress, the terrible Charybdis, and the six-headed serpent Scylla. Young readers will delight in these accessible tales of action and adventure.

Book Information

Audio CD Publisher: Blackstone Audio, Inc.; Unabridged edition (June 1, 2012) Language: English ISBN-10: 1441759883 ISBN-13: 978-1441759887 Product Dimensions: 5.2 x 0.7 x 5.8 inches Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 3.8 out of 5 stars 76 customer reviews Best Sellers Rank: #884,875 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #146 in Books > Books on CD > Children's Fiction > Classics #519 in Books > Children's Books > Fairy Tales, Folk Tales & Myths > Greek & Roman #4411 in Books > Children's Books > Classics Age Range: 8 - 12 years Grade Level: 3 - 7

Customer Reviews

"Published in 1918, Colum's stirring telling of the Greek epics is still unequaled as an introduction to the classic myths for young readers." --Publishers Weekly " (Audiobook narrator) Whitfield's (-aka-Simon Vance) distinct narration gives a clear rendition of classic myths The Iliad and The Odyssey. The reading is intelligible to children yet preserves the heroic style of the sagas. It is a treat to hear Greek words pronounced with such ease." --Lolly Gepson

PADRAIC COLUM (1881-1972) was an Irish poet, playwright, author, a major leader of the Irish Renaissance, and a friend to James Joyce and William Yeats. Well versed in the old Gaelic myths as well as those of other cultures, he wrote a number of books for children that retell these tales. His book The Golden Fleece and the Heroes Who Lived before Achilles was a Newbery Honor Book, and he was awarded the Regina Medal for his distinguished contribution to children's literature.

Fun way to refresh on Homer. Read it and then got a copy for my 11 year old daughter who's excited to gie it aread - we've already had a talk about who is who and why the names are tough to say.

Beautiful art deco illustrations by Willy Pogany. And the moral of this classic of western civilization is this:Command thyself! A true hero and leader of men is not one who can control others but the man who can control his own heart and mind. And peace surpassing all understanding will follow.

This is a beautiful piece of literature. The author has captured the Greek classics in a way that maximizes the lyric beauty of the original in prose that crosses the eye as your favorite beverage caresses the throat.

I was surprised by how hard of a read this book was. My son and I both found it very boring.

My sons both read this book and said it was really good. A classic.

Beautiful language. I've been reading it to my kindergartener and he loves it! The complexity of the language doesn't interfere with his comprehension - he can talk about what happens in each chapter and I hear him incorporate words and images into his play.

I'm reviewing a 2012 edition published by CreateSpace. This book has been poorly published. The cover states that the title is _The Children's Homer_ but the content of the book is actually a different book entirely: The Golden Fleece and the Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles. I haven't read the entire book yet, but I have already seen some typos (Homer spelled Homerr, which is ironic since the Golden Fleece isn't attributed to Homer at all). I will be sure to avoid anything published by CreateSpace from this time forward.

this was the perfect book for my daughter. her required reading for school. she thought it was very good that she could do her required reading from the back seat of the car and in the hotel without having to go to the library or a book store first. WOW gotta love technology

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