

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

He never wanted to be a halfblood... Percy Jackson is thrown into a brand new life when he finds out that the gods of Greek myth are actually real, and even worse, so are the monsters.

Rick Riordan is the author of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series (of which The Lightning Thief is the first book) as well as The Heroes of Olympus, Trials of Apollo, The Kane Chronicles, and Magnus Chase. Riordan's forte is putting a spin on tales of old in a modern way with witty characters and action packed plot.

Percy Jackson lived in New York and was never able to stay at the same school for more than a year. By sixth grade, he was used to it. But, an encounter on his school trip to the museum left him questioning everything he thought was true. He learned that what he thought was myth was completely real, and that his father was not who he thought he was.

This book will never not be good. It is such a comfort read and the characters feel like home. Percy's humor is amazing and his banter with Annabeth especially is so great. I also love the honesty and wit that Rick Riordan infuses into Percy's character. This is such a classic and I could reread it forever.

Greek mythology lovers and people who like retellings of old stories/spinoffs of myths would love this book. This book also uses a lot of humor that balances out the bad/hard things happening to the characters so it is very palatable for younger YA readers.

-Serena, age 17

