

Buch des Monats

Rick Riordan: *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*

12-year old Percy Jackson lives with his mother Sally Jackson and his mean, stinking stepfather Gabe in New York City. Percy is a “troublemaker” and has been kicked out of five schools.

On a class field trip to a Greek-Roman-exhibition with his teachers Mrs. Dodds and Mr. Brunner, Mrs. Dodds’ favorite student falls into a fountain and Percy is blamed. The teacher loses her temper and attacks Percy. With a special pen from Mr. Brunner, that transforms into a sword, Percy manages to defeat Mrs. Dodds. She explodes into dust. Mysteriously nobody seems to have realized this tragic event nor can anyone remember Mrs. Dodds anymore. At the end of the schoolyear, Percy accidentally eavesdrops on Mr. Brunner and his best friend Grover while they are talking about him, Mrs. Dodds and a stolen item. One night, on a trip to the beach with his mother, Percy is woken by a visit from Grover. He discovers that his friend is a Satyr, half man, half goat. Grover tells them they are in danger and all three are driven to a summer camp for Demigods. Almost there, a Minotaur attacks them and sends his mother to the underworld. Percy defeats the creature. At the camp, called Camp Half Blood, he learns that he too is a Demigod.

While playing a team game with the rest of the camp, Poseidon claims to be his Percy’s father. Mr. Brunner, who is a Centaur, reveals to Percy that 70 years ago the three gods; Poseidon, Zeus and Hades had sworn not to have children. Percy shouldn’t exist! Furthermore, Zeus accuses Percy of having stolen his master lightning bolt, a dangerous weapon which shoots out lightning bolts.

Will Percy be able to prove his innocence?

Will he be able to free his mother from the Underworld?

Percy Jackson is my favorite series by the author Rick Riordan. I would recommend it to anyone who loves fantasy books and who is interested in the Greek mythology.

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