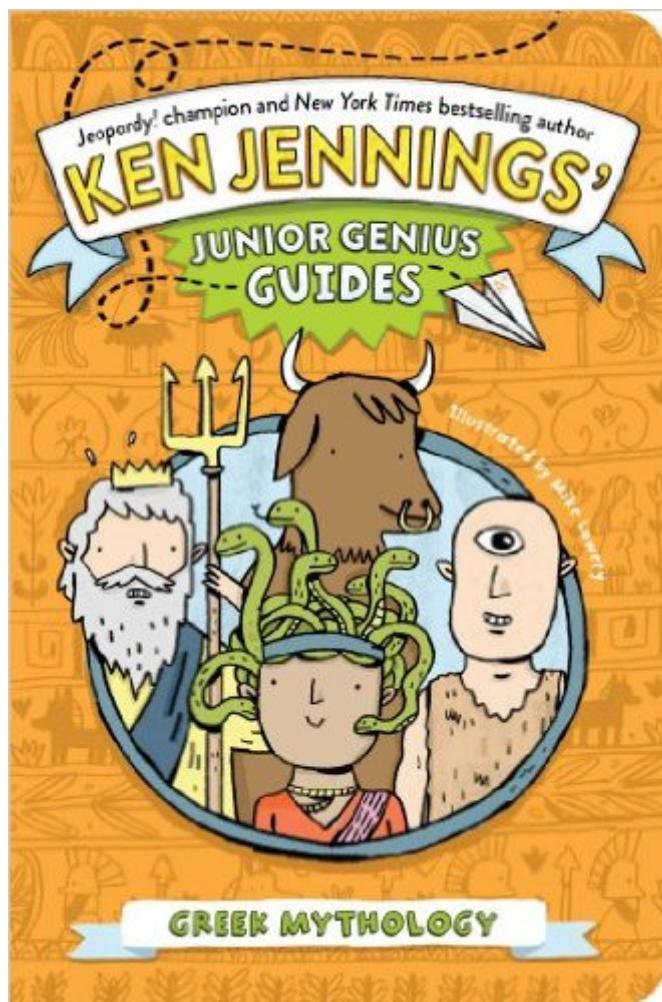


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# Greek Mythology (Ken Jennings' Junior Genius Guides)



## Synopsis

Unleash your inner genius and become a master of mythology with this interactive trivia book from Jeopardy! champ and New York Times bestselling author Ken Jennings. With this Junior Genius Guide to Greek mythology, you'll become an expert and wow your friends and teachers with all the best ancient stories: how Prometheus outsmarted the gods, how Achilles' heel led to his death, and how we mere mortals always seem to get mixed up in so many misadventures. With great illustrations, cool trivia, and fun quizzes to test your knowledge, this guide will have you on your way to whiz-kid status in no time!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Thanks Ken Jennings. High level information formatted so that a curious 9 year old can dig right in, have some fun doing it (entertainingly written). My son was very sad that he had to sit through 60 minutes of his little sister's gymnastics practice without an "electronic device" but I pulled this out and when practice was over I had to literally stick my hand between his face and the book to get his attention back from it. Awesome, and he's going to kick butt at cocktail party conversation in a decade or so.

This is so well written for young intermediate readers. I bought a set of them to use with my third grade class. The kids love the style of writing and the drawings in each chapter. It makes a superb book for kids who love mythology, but could use a little tweaking for us teachers. :) I wish each chapter of his books were more descriptive so while previewing we could see what topics were discussed (Ken Jennings titles each chapter after a class period- 'period 1', 'period 2', 'period 3', lunch, etc.). He has a great "trading card" format for the major gods for kids wanting to find out specifics about a favorite god (powers, symbols, family members, interesting facts) and I wish he would do the same for a large portion of the minor gods as well. Lastly, I really wish he had an index! The kids who wish to find out about Prometheus, for example, have a really hard time finding it with both the nondescript chapter titles and the lack of an index. I realize Ken Jennings probably wasn't intending for his books to be used by classroom teachers, but I LOVE how he writes for kids. His style is entertaining and fact-filled. Kids love them! And if Ken Jennings were ever to read this review- I wish he'd write a book summarizing the Greek myth stories for kids. I've bought many written by other authors...some are hard for third graders to read, others leave out too many details and yet most only have a select few myths. These books are phenomenal for 8-12 year olds. I find even those who shy away from nonfiction are eager to read these!

Ken Jennings does a masterful job of writing a book for young children about mythology, the basis of Western Civilization. In this book, Mr. Jennings the gods and goddesses of Greek mythology become "alive" for young readers. This book will certainly enhance my ESL tutee's knowledge of Greek and Roman mythology and his appreciation for advanced reading skills. I believe that introduction to books while he learned English three years ago, increased his self-esteem. He knows and talks about things other first graders do not know about. He solved a math problem and was the only student in the first grade of his school to accomplish that. He is motivated and encouraged. And what better further encouragement that gifting him with other Ken Jennings's books. Go, Ken Jennings, and go Diego go.

I thought my grandchildren, ages 9 and 12, would enjoy these books. They looked through them but were not that interested. I keep them in the car and it gives them something to do when they are bored.

I'm an adult reading this book because it is about a topic I don't know that much about, and its author is Ken Jennings. I've read a couple of his other books, and this one is just as witty and fun to

read. I don't know if kids will get all the humor, but I suspect they will find them fun to read and will learn some things in the process. So I recommend them. For me, I hope it helps me get a few trivia questions right that I would have missed in the past.

My whole family is enjoying this book. We have watched movies and read books relating to Greek mythology, this makes it easy and fun for 8 year olds to understand.

I offered this book to my high 3rd grade students (who were reading Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief) as additional reading and background on the Greek Gods. 6th grade is when the Greeks are usually studied, so 3rd graders need some references for the PJ series. They liked the guide's simple illustrations that accompanied brief summaries about mythological characters. I found it useful in helping me remember my Greek studies! I would consider purchasing another of Jennings' guides.

my 10 year old grandson loves ALL the ken Jennings books!!

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