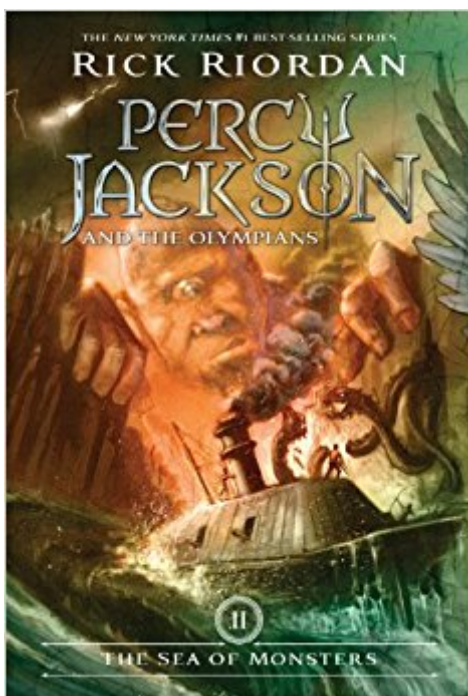


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The Sea Of Monsters (Percy Jackson And The Olympians, Book 2)



Synopsis

After a summer spent trying to prevent a catastrophic war among the Greek gods, Percy Jackson finds his seventh-grade school year unnervingly quiet. His biggest problem is dealing with his new friend, Tyson—a six-foot-three, mentally challenged homeless kid who follows Percy everywhere, making it hard for Percy to have any "normal" friends. But things don't stay quiet for long. Percy soon discovers there is trouble at Camp Half-Blood: the magical borders which protect Half-Blood Hill have been poisoned by a mysterious enemy, and the only safe haven for demigods is on the verge of being overrun by mythological monsters. To save the camp, Percy needs the help of his best friend, Grover, who has been taken prisoner by the Cyclops Polyphemus on an island somewhere in the Sea of Monsters, the dangerous waters Greek heroes have sailed for millennia—only today, the Sea of Monsters goes by a new name: the Bermuda Triangle. Now Percy and his friends—Grover, Annabeth, and Tyson—must retrieve the Golden Fleece from the Island of the Cyclopes by the end of the summer or Camp Half-Blood will be destroyed. But first, Percy will learn a stunning new secret about his family—one that makes him question whether being claimed as Poseidon's son is an honor or simply a cruel joke.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 5-9 In this sequel (Miramax Books, 2006) to Rick Riordan's *The Lightning Thief* (Hyperion, 2005; Listening Library, 2005) 13-year-old Percy is just finishing up his school year and is looking forward to another great summer at Camp Half-Blood with all the other demigods. But even before school ends, things start happening, and soon Percy is at camp along with Tyson, a homeless kid adopted by Percy's school. At camp, Percy not only discovers that Tyson is a Cyclops and a son of Poseidon, which makes him Percy's half-brother, but also that the camp is in trouble. There's a quest to rescue Percy's friend, Grover the satyr, and to retrieve the Golden Fleece. The plot zips along with plenty of action; lots of mythological monsters, titans, and gods; and a leavening of humor. Jesse Bernstein does a good job of giving Percy a youthful voice in this first-person narrative, while at the same time creating appropriate voices for the other characters. Listeners who have not read or listened to the first book in the projected trilogy will want to do so before the next installment is published.

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Gr. 6-9. In this second adventure in the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series, Percy is anticipating the end of seventh grade and a summer at Camp Half-Blood with kids who are the offspring of Greek gods and mortals. He dreams that his pal Grover, a satyr, is in danger. After monsters attack in his school gym class, Percy and Tyson, a homeless kid, are picked up by Annabeth, a half-blood friend, and rushed to the camp, which is under attack. The tree that guards the camp is dying, and Chiron, the activity director, has been dismissed. Another dream reveals that Grover, whose peril is increasing, is on the same island as the legendary Golden Fleece, which may be the cure for the troubled camp. With the help of Hermes, Percy and his pals set off to the Sea of Monsters, where they encounter legendary dangers. Riordan's clever mix of classical mythology, contemporary teen characters, and an action-packed adventure will bring new readers to the series.

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I read this whole book series three or so years ago, and loved them. I was excited about the first movie and loved to watch it. After the first movie I somehow thought that there weren't going to be any more so I sold them. Then I heard about the sea of monsters movie and knew I had to read them again to refresh my memory. I still had the same fondness after reading it again. I liked the funniness and the writing style. I also liked the length, because I could read it within a few days. I

thought the movie was out in xfinity so I rushed to finish it, but then I found out you can only buy it at the moment. I heard the sea of monsters movie strays from the book a good amount so that's kind of a drag. For example, Grover goes on the quest with them? I know something goes down to where he's separated later, but still the whole book revolves around that. Back to the book, I think it's a good book for anyone 9-13. Also, the gist of the book incase anyone would like to know is that Percy Jackson hears of trouble at camp half blood. A situation goes down where Percy is dragged out of his school by Annabeth and to camp half blood where monsters are being let in everywhere- Thalia's tree has been poisoned and the magical barrier has been broken! To top this off Percy is having dreams about Grover- captured by a giant and about to be eaten. Percy, Annabeth, and a new friend must go on a trip to the sea of monsters aka the Bermuda triangle to save Grover and Thalia's tree by getting the Golden fleece.

The premise of the series is that Greek mythology and its beasts, gods, etc. are actually real. That fact makes for a fun adventure. Another "intermediate" book (see my review on Titan's Curse) The plot of the series continues to evolve. Reminders of previous facts are conveniently sprinkled around. My 9 yo and I have read them together. We had very cool chats from it.

This is probably the only series that can bring adventure, emotion, suspense at every corner, and still be totally funny. It's rare that I laugh while reading books, but this one managed to make me crack up. All the things that happen, such as the Tyson thing, and intense battles with Greek monsters made me wanna lay down in my bed and read all day long. And there is never a calm moment where everything seems to be dragging on, like Percy is a normal kid, that everything's perfect again. Once it seems like a happy ending, another action scene comes in and pulls you back in. I like how they put stuff that happened in mythology, such as Polyphemus and his sworn enemy, Nobody, (long story) and turn it into a bit of fiction, sort of like a continuation.

Such a great series. We started this one after working through the Tale Dark and Grimm series. While the grammar and vocabulary isn't as lush or as correct as the Grimm books, these still boast complicated sentence structure that will expose your children to more than 6 word sentences. Great to read to children age 7 and up, they'll instantly be pulled in to the story and quickly become versed with the pantheon of Greek gods, heroes, monsters, and creatures. Pair it with traditional tellings from a library book on Greek gods, and you can add background to the references to Heracles, Titans, etc. Read the first book (Lightning Thief) and this one, then watched the two movies after

finishing each book. Sea of Monsters is, by far, the better movie, although neither sticks very closely to the books. Watching the films is a good test of how well your child paid attention to the written story! We spotted lots of inconsistencies, but liked the films in their own right.

I started listening to this series so I can have something to talk to my nephew about and now I'm a complete fan. What a great series! Entertaining and funny. Leaves you feeling good at the end and wanting more.

Louisville, Ky 5th gradeThe Sea of Monsters is a book that is amazing. Percy has found out camp half-blood is no longer safe for demigods, such as himself. A quest has been given up for grabs. Unfortunately, Percy does not get the quest to retrieve the Golden Fleece. Although he is forbidden, someone has poised Thalia's tree. Will Percy be able to stop that someone?Rick Riordan did a great job with this book. This story has a great theme of action. There is such good detail within this book. I recommend this book for any reader. This book will interest you!

I have no words for this book. Me and my class are literally in love with the series. We all plan to read the rest of the books. Truly amazing and perfect. This is an amazing book with lots of adventures and twists and turns! Love it!!!

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