ATHENA

THE STORY OF A GODDESS



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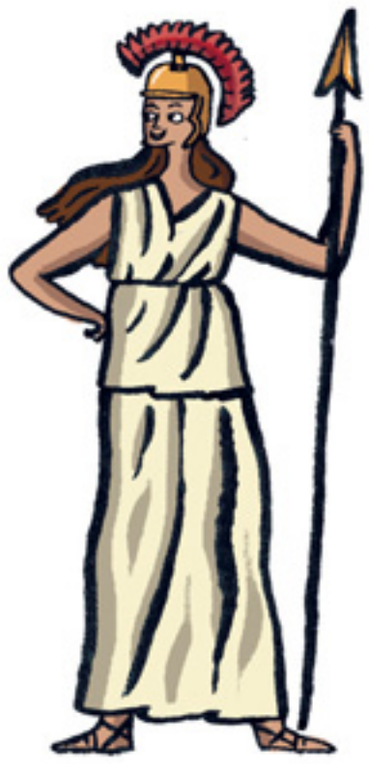
Here the Greek gods and goddesses lived as one big family, laughing, playing, scheming, fighting and squabbling. From up on the mountain they watched over the people below, who they called mortals, helping out their favourites. But they also liked to meddle in the lives of the other gods' and goddesses' chosen heroes. This is the story of the goddess Athena, who was brave, wise and loved an adventure. Read on to uncover the daring tales of Athena, and those who crossed her path.



IN THIS BOOK

GODS AND GODDESSES

ATHENA



Young and brave, Athena was the goddess of wisdom. She was known for helping mortals, heroes and half-gods on their adventures, but she often got herself into trouble.

ZEUS



King of all the gods, Zeus loved his young daughter, Athena. But he also had a terrible temper.

HERA



Wife of Zeus, Hera was the oldest and wisest of all the goddesses, and always had a word of advice for any young goddess in need, especially her step-daughter Athena.

APHRODITE



Sister of Athena, Aphrodite was the goddess of beauty and fertility. Athena and Aphrodite didn't always get on.

POSEIDON



Poseidon was Zeus' brother and god of the seas. He was old, argumentative and liked things his own way.

HEPHAESTUS



Zeus' son and Athena's half-brother, Hephaestus was the blacksmith of the gods. He could be great fun, but he was also foolish and wild.

YOU WILL MEET

HALF-GODS, HEROES AND MORTALS

ARACHNE



Arachne challenged Athena to a weaving contest. She was talented and ambitious, but she learnt that getting on the wrong side of the gods could be dangerous.

ERICHTHONIUS



Erichthonius was a half-god and the son of Hephaestus. Athena raised him as a baby, before he was adopted by a young couple in Athens, where he later became King.

PERSEUS



Perseus was a half-god and son of Zeus, who lived amongst the mortals. He was challenged to kill Medusa, and asked for Athena's help.

ACHILLES



Achilles was the great warrior of the Greeks in the Trojan War. He was fearsome in battle, but quite vain.

ODYSSEUS



Odysseus won the Trojan War for the Greeks with his clever ideas. He was brave, but his ship was lost in a storm on the way home, and he journeyed for ten years at sea.

PARIS



Paris was the cowardly son of King Priam of Troy. He caused the epic Trojan War when he fell in love with Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world.

Once upon a time on the great mountains of Olympus, the mighty Zeus – king of all the gods and goddesses – had an almighty headache.

He had just created an entire world, but soon after, he knew that there was something missing. Whilst he was thinking about what he could have forgotten, a headache appeared from nothing, just like the world he had created.

The feeling grew and raged. For days, he thundered through the world, and the ground shook and the seas spun in great whirlpools, and the clouds gathered lower, and darker, and heavier each day. His screams of pain echoed round the world and all was darkness and misery.

But still he could not
shake the headache.