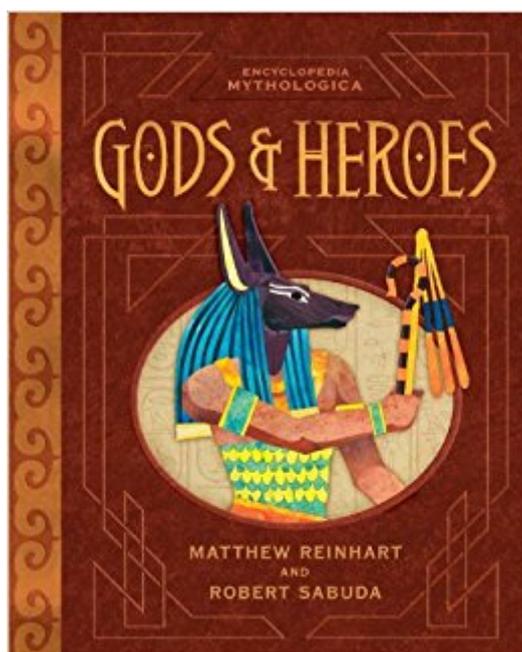


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Customer Reviews

The myths of the ancient world hold much fascination for readers of all ages. Children especially seem drawn to tales of the Olympian deities, Viking legends and Mediterranean heroes. Couple this interest with the fantastic engineered paper books by Matthew Reinhart and Robert Sabuda, and you have a book kids can truly experience. In Encyclopedia Mythologica's GODS AND HEROES,

the bestselling duo teams up again for a three-dimensional exploration of the tales of the ancient world. The book starts in Egypt, and opening to the first page releases a large pop-up of the falcon-headed god Horus, son of Isis and Osiris and the god associated with the ancient pharaohs. A smaller page on this double-page spread tells Horus's story with several moving parts (look behind that for Imhotep's pyramid). Next it's off to Greece, where the castle of Mt. Olympus springs forth as does the legendary city of Atlantis and the figures of several Greek goddesses. The section on the "Kingdoms of the Mighty North" features a fierce Viking and a glimpse of Freyja as she leads her Valkyries into battle and a lovely pop-up illustration of the mythical cosmic ash tree called Yggdrasil. Unlike so many children's books introducing mythology, GODS AND HEROES doesn't stop at Europe and Egypt but takes readers farther east to Asia and Oceania and to the Americas as well. Spider Woman, from Native American mythology, holds a web made of silvery thread, adding an interesting new textural element to the book. Refreshingly, Reinhart and Sabuda also give female deities and figures equal attention, like the violent Polynesian volcano goddess Pele, who seems to be spewing and flowing out of the volcano in the center of the page.

After I ordered ENCYCLOPEDIA MYTHOLOGICA FAIRIES AND MAGICAL BEINGS POP-UP by Matthew Reinhart and saw how beautiful it is I had to get his GODS AND HEROES and after I wait 5 days for it to be shipped to my house it just amazes me how beautiful it really is!! I'm glad there is a video for all 3 of these MYTHOLOGICA books to get a good idea of how they look, but the low resolution video doesn't show the beauty of these books with sharp detail! When I see the Greek myth Mount Olympus Pop-up I revel in the detail of the Greek gods and I recognised nearly all of them standing and sitting in the temple buildings! Whether it's Hera, wife of Zeus, with her arms folded while Zeus sits on his throne or Hermes messenger of the gods flying over Olympus and Isis the rainbow goddess flying down her rainbow, the mythical characters are rendered both simply and beautifully in the pop-up structure! And it all pop-up so fantastic! And the mini pop-ups show both the fall of Atlantis by a furious Poseidon and Artemus, Athena, and Aphrodite appear together next to the Atlantis scene in the mini pop-up! Since I am an animator, I am impressed with the motion effects achieved with these pop-ups! In the mini pop-up you can see Artemus the hunting goddess pulling back her arrow on her bow as the little pop-up opens! The next pages show a fold out ship depiction of Jason's ship the Argo with an incredible fold out sail that spreads out like a fan! There is also the 12 labours of Hercules displayed by pulling a tab to show the tasks Hercules must perform drawn onto different small pages that are revealed when you keep pulling the tab! The next pages have a great pop-up of Thor the thunder god striking down with his hammer when you open and close the

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