



Legendary Reads:  
Young adult novels that draw from Greek and Roman mythology

*The Search for Senna*

by K.A. Applegate

YA APPLGATE

After his mysterious girlfriend, Senna, is dragged underwater by a gigantic wolflike creature that rises from a lake, David and three other high school students are swept into Everworld, a thrilling land inhabited by trolls, evil winged creatures, unicorns and a colony of crude Vikings. [First in a series]

*Goddess of Yesterday*

by Caroline B. Cooney

JFIC COONEY

In ancient Sparta, young Anaxandra must assume a false identity to ensure her safety. She guards against the jealousy and suspicion of Helen, the beautiful wife of King Meneleus, whose actions will trigger a tragic war with Troy.

*Iris, Messenger*

by Sarah Deming

YA DEMING

After discovering that the immortals of Greek mythology reside in her hometown of Middleville, Pennsylvania, twelve-year-old Iris listens to their life stories, gaining wisdom, beauty, and startling revelations about her past.

*The Sea of Trolls*

by Nancy Farmer

JFIC FARMER

After Jack becomes apprenticed to a Druid bard, he and his little sister Lucy are captured by Viking Berserkers and taken to the home of King Ivar the Boneless and his half-troll queen, leading Jack to undertake a vital quest to Jotunheim, home of the trolls. [First in a series]

*Troy*

by Adele Geras

YA GERAS

The last weeks of the Trojan War find the women sick of tending the wounded, men tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses trying to find ways to stir things up.

*Eight Days of Luke*

by Diana Wynne Jones

JFIC JONES

Loosely based on Norse mythology, this novel finds young David accidentally unleashing unseen forces from another world while playing outside in his garden; only with the help of the mysterious Luke can he send the forces back to the earth.

*The Night Tourist*

by Katherine Marsh

JFIC MARSH

After fourteen-year-old classics prodigy Jack Perdu has a near fatal accident he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move on; Jack vows to find his dead mother there.

*Sirena*

by Donna Jo Napoli

JF/PBK NAPOLI

The gods grant immortality to the mermaid Sirena when she rescues a human man from the sea and they fall in love, but his mortality creates great conflict between love and honor when he is called to defend Greece in the Trojan War.

*The Immortal*

by Christopher Pike

YA PIKE

Two high school friends visit the sacred island of Delos and discover a link with the world of Greek deities.

*The Lightning Thief*

by Rick Riordan

JFIC RIORDAN

After learning that he is the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea, twelve-year-old Percy is sent to a summer camp for demigods like himself, and joins his new friends on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. [First in a series]

*The Lost Hero*

by Rick Riordan

JFIC RIORDAN

Jason, Piper, and Leo, three students from a school for "bad kids," find themselves at Camp Half-Blood, where they learn that they are demigods and begin a quest to free Hera, who has been imprisoned by Mother Earth herself. [First in a series]

*The Red Pyramid*

by Rick Riordan

JFIC RIORDAN

After their father's research experiment at the British Museum unleashes the Egyptian god Set, Carter and Sadie Kane embark on a dangerous journey across the globe--a quest which brings them ever closer to the truth about their family, and their links to a secret order that has existed since the time of the pharaohs. [First in a series]

*Atalanta and the Arcadian Beast*

by Jane Yolen and Robert J. Harris

JFIC YOLEN

Twelve-year-old Atalanta seeks revenge on the mysterious creature that killed her adoptive father, and with the help of her bear friend Urso, hunts the beast, meets the legendary hunter Orion, and discovers the truth of her parentage.