



Stories of Ancient Greece

For students in Years 7 – 9

A list of recommended reading about Ancient Egypt suitable for readers in the middle to upper secondary. This list complements the year 7 HSS (Social Science) unit on Ancient civilisations for the Australian curriculum.



F ORR

Dragonfly Song by Wendy Orr

Abandoned by the priestess of the island at birth, Aissa is an outcast, surviving by her wits - until she joins the acrobatic bull dancers who are sent away to compete on the island of the Bull King. Aissa is resilient, resourceful, and fast - but to survive the bull ring, she will have to learn the mystery of her true nature. A riveting, mythic Bronze Age adventure.

F TRE

Medusa Stone by Ian Trevaskis

Cast your stone upon the square, leap and dance across the air. At the end a door awaits, be prepared to meet the fates. When Hannah and Jake discover an ancient scroll in Kostas the Giant's boathouse, they are intrigued. What does the rhyme mean? A simple game of hopscotch catapults them into a strange world. Trapped in mythological ancient Greece, Hannah must find three objects - and Jake. Will they ever make it back to Pelican Bay?

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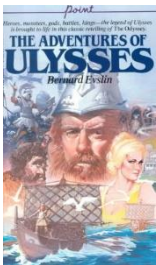
The Adventures of Ulysses by Anna Claybourne

Across perilous seas and strange lands inhabited by man-eating giants and fearsome monsters, cunning Ulysses struggles to return home from the Trojan War.

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The Legend of Odysseus by Peter Connolly

A splendid adaptation of Homer's story of the Greek and Trojan way of life at the time of Odysseus.



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The Adventures of Ulysses by Bernard Evslin

Ulysses, fearsome leader of the Greek forces, conquers Troy. He and his men embark upon a glorious journey home, unaware that they have angered the gods. Their journey will last for ten long years, riddled with more perils than the imagination can conceive.

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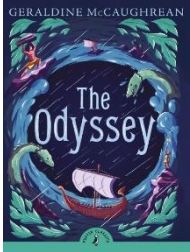
Tales of the Greek Heroes by Roger Lancelyn Green

Some of the oldest and most famous stories in the world - the adventures of Perseus, the labours of Heracles, the voyage of Jason and the Argonauts - are vividly retold in this single, connected narrative of the Heroic Age, from the coming of the Immortals to the first fall of Troy.

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Greek Myths and Legends by Anthony Masters

Action, adventure, danger and magic are the essential elements of the thrilling retellings that make up this Greek mythology collection.



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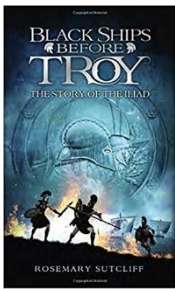
The Odyssey by Geraldine McCaughrean

After ten years of war, Odysseus just wanted to go home. The journey was long and there were many dangers to overcome - one-eyed giants, beautiful sorceresses, terrifying whirlpools, six-headed sea monsters. Until at last he arrived back, alone and exhausted, to find one hundred fierce warriors waiting for him.

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Heroes & Monsters: Legends of Ancient Greece by James Reeves

James Reeves retells the amazing myths and legends of the fearless heroes, evil monsters and great gods of Ancient Greece. Jason and the Argonauts, Perseus and the dreaded Medusa, and his twelve labours, Theseus defying the Minotaur, Orpheus and his lost bride, Eurydice, the tragic Fall of Troy and the voyages of Odysseus are all included in these twenty famous tales.



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Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad by Rosemary Sutcliff

It all begins with a golden apple and an impossible choice. Three great goddesses ask Paris of Troy to decide who is the loveliest. The only woman whose beauty equals the Goddess' own is Helen of the Fair Cheeks - and she is already married to King Menelaus of Sparta. When Paris steals Helen away, her husband appeals for help to his brother Agamemmon, High King of all the other kings of Greece.

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In Search of a Homeland: The Story of Aeneid by Penelope Lively

Aeneas flees from burning Troy to find a new homeland for his people in the West. He travels via Carthage to found the city of Rome.

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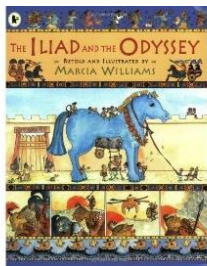
Alexander the Great: Reckless Conqueror by Carole Wilkinson

At 20, Alexander led an army of 50 000. He defeated armies five times the size of his own, leading the most dangerous charges himself. He conquered most of the known world but left thousands of people dead or enslaved. In Persia he was known as Alexander the Accursed. Was he a brilliant warrior or a ruthless invader?

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Pankration by Dyan Blacklock

Nic is on the run; from the plague in Athens, from savage pirates, and from the slave who wants him dead. If only he can reach Olympia and find his friend Gellius, he'll be safe - or will he? At Olympia, the last and most terrible of his enemies is waiting...



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The Iliad and the Odyssey by Marcia Williams

The Iliad tells the story of the war between the Greeks and the Trojans. The Odyssey depicts the perilous voyage home of the Greek warrior, Odysseus.

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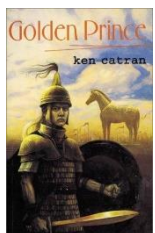
Serpent's Shadow by Timothy Boggs

Hercules and his comrade-in-arms, Iolaus, go to the rescue of some desperate townsfolk who are being terrorized by a sea monster. To the duo's dismay they realize that it is not just the sea monster they are fighting.

F BRO

Jason & the Argonauts by Felicity Brooks

Deep in the heart of enemy territory, through mountainous seas and uncharted lands, Jason and his fearless crew, the Argonauts, do battle with giants, dragons, monsters and a merciless sea god, to bring the legendary Golden Fleece back to Greece.



F CAT

The Golden Prince by Ken Catran

Sixteen-year-old Pyrrhus is the son of the great warrior-king, Achilles. He is leading his troops at the fabled siege of Troy, battling his own doubts, and a ruthless enemy. This is the fight of his life - a fight to the death.

F CAT

Voyage with Jason by Ken Catran

A quest through uncharted seas, to unknown lands, to seek a fabulous treasure that's guarded by a fearsome monster.

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Neo's War by Ken Catran

When Neo learns that his father is going to be sent to a Mediterranean war zone to lead a United Nations force, his dreams become filled with images of black crows, blood and his father's death. In a moment of desperation, Neo strikes a bargain with Athena, Goddess of Wisdom.

F COO

On the Seas to Troy by Caroline B. Cooney

Taken hostage as a child, Anaxandra was forced to live as a slave-girl on a remote island. Now, six years later, she's the sole survivor of a bloodthirsty raid by pirates. When King Menelaus finds her, Anaxandra knows that this is her big chance to find a new life.

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Halo by Zizou Corder

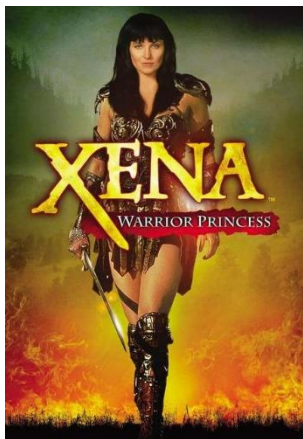
Washed ashore as a baby in ancient Greece, Halo is discovered by a family of centaurs. Although her identity remains a mystery, she is loved as one of their own. When Halo is dragged away by fishermen, her wild adventure begins.

F DEA

The Fire Thief Trilogy by Terry Deary:

The Fire Thief, Flight of the Fire Thief, The Fire Thief Fights Back

In this hilarious, Time-travelling tale, Terry Deary reinvents the Greek myth of Prometheus, who stole fire from the gods.



F EME

Xena Warrior Princess : The Empty Throne by Ru Emerson

In a small remote village, Xena and her protege, Gabrielle, make a stunning discovery: all the men in the town have disappeared without a trace. What mysterious and malevolent force is at work?

F EME

The Thief of Hermes by Ru Emerson

His name is Helarion, fleet of foot, full of charm, and a thief like no other. He claims to be the son of Hermes, the Sun god and divine trickster. When he frames Xena and Gabrielle for one of his crimes, they must plan a daring jailbreak.

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The Spartan Warrior Series by Michael Ford

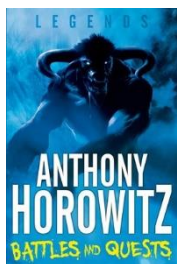
Fire of Ares, Birth of a Warrior, Legacy of Blood

These action-packed tales of honour, glory and epic battles in Ancient Greece will appeal to all readers, and Lysander's rise from slave to Spartan warrior will leave them thirsting for more.

F GIB

Shadow of the Minotaur by Alan Gibbons

For Phoenix it's easy. He hates his new home and the new school where he is bullied. He's embarrassed by his computer geek dad. When he logs on to the Legendeer, the game his dad is working on, he can be a hero. He is Theseus fighting the terrifying Minotaur, or Perseus battling with the snake-haired Medusa. It feels as though he's there.



F HOR

Battles and Quests by Anthony Horowitz

Brother fighting brother. Man slaying beast. Tales of epic quests and furious battles have been told throughout time, including Theseus and the Minotaur. There are some evils that no sword can defeat.

F HOW

Alexander the Great: The Story of the Invincible Macedonian King by Martin Howard

The invincible Macedonian king is famous for conquering most of the ancient world, but there is more to his life than that. The outstanding warrior was a fiercely loyal friend, always went first into battle and was passionate to see new lands.

F HOW

Prophecy of Darkness by Stella Howard

Travelling the countryside, Xena and Gabrielle encounter a twelve-year-old seer with a startling prophecy. She warns them about a mage whose well-intentioned spell will lead to disaster. The spell will unleash Cerberus, the fearsome guardian of Hades' gates.

F KHA

Tales of the Trojan War by Kamini Khanduri

"This means war!" declares King Menelaus when he finds out that his wife has sailed away in the dead of night with a Trojan prince. Follow the epic struggle of the great Greek heroes as they seek their revenge on Troy with an army of 100,000 men.



F LER

Seven Wonders Series: The Colossus Rises by Peter Lerangis

Jack McKinley is an ordinary boy with an extraordinary problem. In six months Jack's going to die. Then Jack wakes up on a mysterious island, where a secret organisation promises to save his life - but with one condition. Jack must retrieve seven magical objects that, only when combined, can keep him alive.

F MACS

Cairo Jim and the Chaos from Crete: A Tale of Underground Uncertainty by Geoffrey McSkimming

Strange, toxic gases are spreading through the ruins of the ancient Palace of Knossos in Crete, forcing tourists and visitors to abandon the site. Where are these gases coming from? What extraordinary secret lies beneath the ruins of Knossos - a secret that many have believed was, until now, a mere myth?

F OHE

Pegasus series by Kate O'Hearn

When Pegasus crashes on to her roof, Emily's life becomes that of legend: epic battles, desperate chases, captivating flights astride the beautiful winged stallion, and one heroic quest to save Olympus before its flame is extinguished... forever.



F RIO

Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief; Percy Jackson and the Titan's Curse; Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth; Percy Jackson and the Olympians; Percy Jackson's Greek Gods.

Join in the adventures of Percy Jackson and his demigod friends as they fight mythological monsters and the forces of the gods of Olympus.

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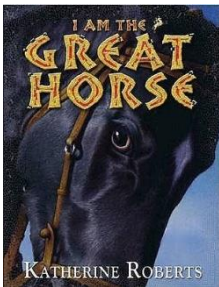
The Heroes of Olympus series by Rick Riordan

The Lost Hero, and The Son of Neptune, The Mark of Athena, and The house of Hades
A new Great Prophecy, a new generation of demigods – the adventures have just begun! In this series, expect to see your old friends from the Percy Jackson books along with a great new cast of main characters, as the heroes of Camp Half-Blood embark on their most dangerous challenges yet.

F ROB

The Mausoleum Murder by Katherine Roberts

Alexis has a magical gift, but it's not one he wants. It hasn't helped him find his father, who has mysteriously disappeared, or freed him from his hard-hearted stepmother. Alex's home is under siege, and he can't do anything about that either. When Alex and his best friend meet Princess Phoebe, things start to change. Together, they must unlock the murderous secrets of Halicarnassos.



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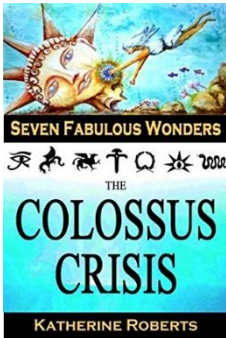
I Am the Great Horse by Katherine Roberts

From the moment the battle-scarred horse Bucephalas allows a prince to sit on his back, he is bound to them forever. The prince is the young Alexander the Great, who he proudly carries into battle, blazing a trail to the very edge of the world in his master's search for glory and adventure.

F ROB

The Olympic Conspiracy by Katherine Roberts

Sosi's brother Theron is in training for the Olympic Games. When he is injured, only Sosi can help him - but he gets more than he bargained for when he takes Theron's place. Who is trying to sabotage the Games, and why? What's so important about the sacred fire and the Statue of Zeus?



F ROB

The Colossus Crisis by Katherine Roberts

Part of the Seven Fabulous Wonders series

When the earthquake strikes and the Colossus of Rhodes collapses, humans come face to face with an ancient race of sea creatures – the telchines. At the centre of the struggle is Aura, half-telchine and half-human, destined to reveal an ancient prophecy. What is the strange Gift that everyone wants? Who can Aura trust?

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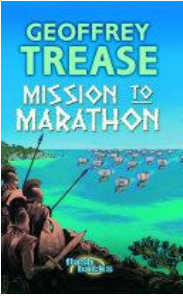
Quiver by Stephanie Spinner

It was Artemis, goddess of the hunt and mistress of the wild, who rescued the abandoned baby Atalanta, sending a she-bear to nurse her and a band of hunters to raise her in safety. Now sixteen, Atalanta, famed archer and swiftest mortal alive, has devoted her life to the goddess. When strangers appear in Atalanta's village one day, they bring shattering news.

F STE

The Cradle of Life by Dave Stern

Within the long-lost Temple of Luna, built by Alexander the Great to store his most valuable possessions, Lara Croft discovers a device that leads the way to the deadliest artefact of all time: the legendary Pandora's Box. Hidden for centuries in a place known to the pharaohs as "the cradle of life", the box that once brought life to Earth now contains only a lethal plague.



F TRE

Mission to Marathon by Geoffrey Trease

It is just an ordinary day for Philip the sculptor's son. Then news comes that the Persian ships are about to invade Greece at Marathon, where Uncle Nearchus and his family live. There is only one person who can get there from Athens in time to warn them - and that's Philip...