



# The Groovy Greeks

## Further Reading List



Book	Author	Blurb
<i>The Odyssey</i>	<i>Gillian Cross</i>	Homer's great story is retold with simplicity and style by award-winning children's writer Gillian Cross, and vividly brought to life in Neil Packer's stunning illustrations. It charts the ten year epic voyage of Odysseus as he returns from the Trojan War to the island of Ithaca
<i>The Illiad</i>	<i>Gillian Cross</i>	This tells of the Trojan War. Cross's vivid adaptation begins with a beauty contest: the prize, a golden apple. In return for securing her victory, the goddess Aphrodite helps Prince Paris abduct Helen, wife to the king of Sparta. Enraged, the king and his Greek allies wage war on the Trojans.
<i>Who Let the Gods Out?</i>	<i>Maz Evans</i>	The story is based on the exploits of a boy called Elliot, who falls into an adventurous mission and calls on the help of the Olympian gods. Full of laugh-out-loud moments and sad parts too, we think this is an excellent story to read aloud.
<i>Fleeced!</i>	<i>Julia Wills</i>	Fleeced is a spirited and witty story that sees characters from classical Greek mythology transported to modern day London. Guaranteed to have your class laughing out loud, this exciting adventure is a great way to engage with Greek myths in a new way and a great springboard for children to write their own present-day mythological stories.
<i>Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief</i>	<i>Rick Riordan</i>	<i>Look, I didn't want to be a half-blood. I never asked to be the son of a Greek God. I was just a normal kid, going to school, playing basketball, skateboarding. The usual. Until I accidentally vaporized my maths teacher. Now I spend my time battling monsters and generally trying to stay alive. This is the one where Zeus, God of the Sky, thinks I've stolen his lightning bolt - and making Zeus angry is a very bad idea.</i>
<i>The Girl of Ink and Stars</i>	<i>Kiran Millwood Hargrave</i>	This novel centres on a girl called Isabella who is trapped on a locked-down island and forbidden to leave. When her friend disappears, Isabella jumps at the opportunity to join the search party and venture outside the walls that have confined her for so long. She soon discovers that the world outside the island is filled with monsters, volcanoes and demons and she finds herself on a larger quest to save her island from the oppressive forces that threaten its freedom of existence