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The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



Read Aloud Video

Here is a little background information about our First Chapter Friday title and its creator. Feel free to add your own notes and thoughts in the bottom box.

What's It About?

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school . . . again. And that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect. Now Percy and his friends have just ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief: he must come to terms with the father who abandoned him; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves.

"Perfectly paced, with electrifying moments chasing each other like heartbeats."--New York Times Book Review

There is a graphic novel version of this book, plus a movie and coming soon... a Disney+ series!

Who Wrote It?

Rick Riordan is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of over twenty novels for young readers, including the Percy Jackson series. For 15 years, Rick taught English and history at public and private middle schools in the San Francisco Bay Area and in Texas. While teaching full time, Riordan began writing mystery novels for grownups. His Tres Navarre series went on to win the top three national awards in the mystery genre – the Edgar, the Anthony and the Shamus. Riordan turned to children's fiction when he started The Lightning Thief as a bedtime story for his oldest son. Today, over 190 million copies of his books are in print worldwide, and rights have been sold into more than 37



countries. Rick Riordan now writes full-time. He lives in Boston with his wife and two sons. He has lots more for you to see and learn on his website! Go check it out at www.rickriordan.com.

AR Reading Level: 4.7

Lexile Level: 680L

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