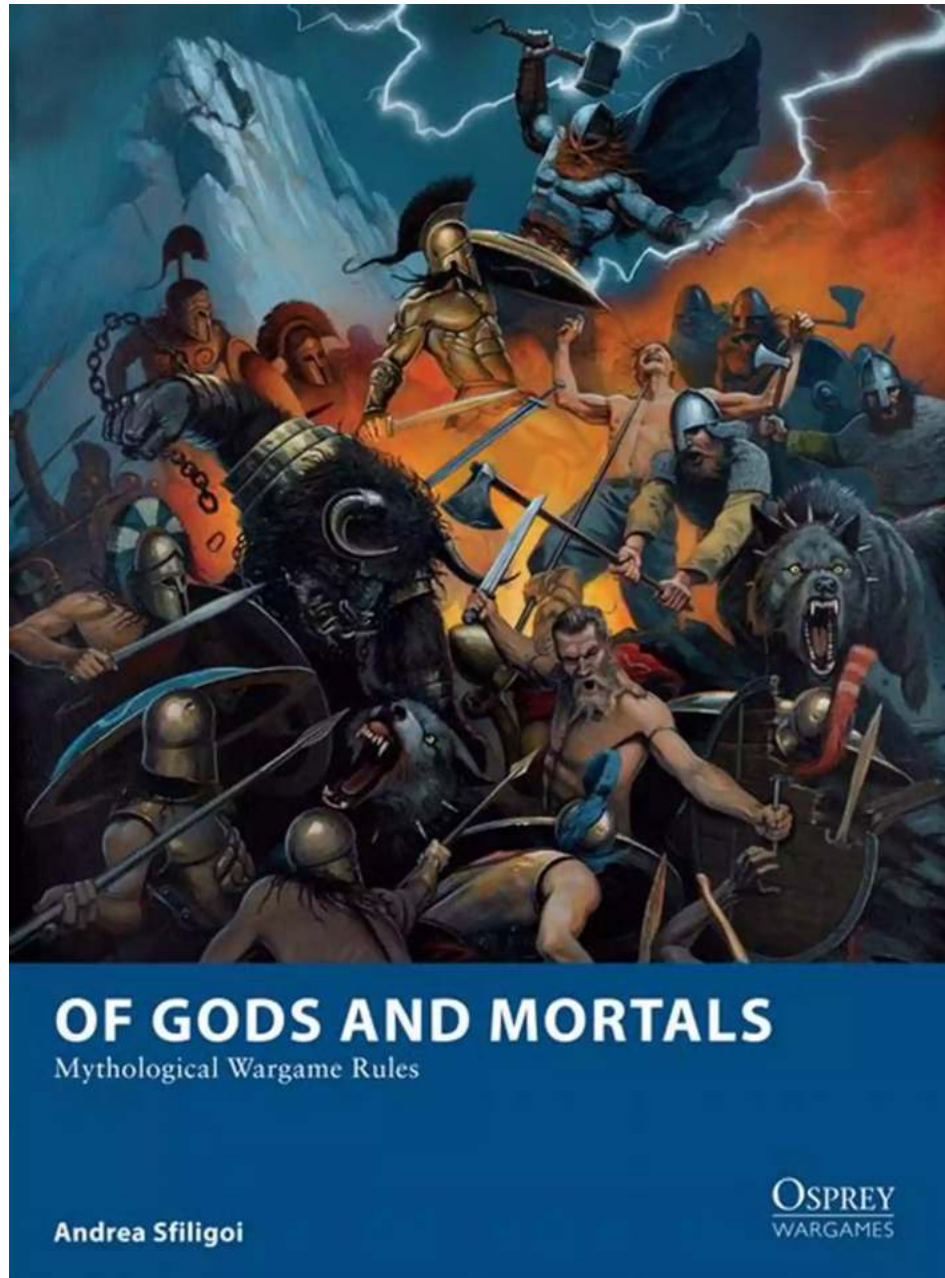


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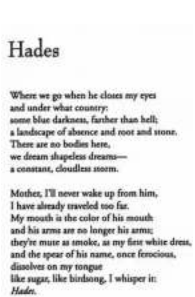


Classical mythology has always been a fascinating subject that continues to captivate our imagination. The rich tapestry of gods, goddesses, and mortals from ancient civilizations like Greek and Roman mythology has

inspired countless works of art, literature, and now, modern poetry. In this collection of poems, we delve into the timeless tales of gods and mortals, their triumphs, struggles, passions, and desires.

Exploring the Mythical Realm

These modern poems on classical myths transport readers into a mystical world where gods walk among mortals, immortalize themselves through memorable heroic feats, and fall in love with humans. Drawing inspiration from classical legends, these poems reimagine the ancient stories and bring them to life with a contemporary twist. The poems embrace mythology as a metaphorical tool to explore universal themes such as love, loss, redemption, and the human condition.



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Reimagining Ancient Tales

From the tragic tale of Orpheus and Eurydice to the epic adventures of Odysseus, these poems elegantly interweave classical myths with modern sensibilities. The words breathe new life into characters like Athena, Zeus,

Aphrodite, and Hades, making them relatable and relevant to today's readers. Through the power of poetry, the stories that have been passed down through generations are given new meaning and resonance.

A Journey of Emotions

Gods and mortals collide in these poems, sparking intense emotions and thought-provoking reflections. The poems capture the ethereal beauty of the gods and the fragility of mortals, showing us that even deities experience heartbreak, envy, and longing. They delve into the complexities of love, exploring how it transcends the boundaries of mortality and divinity. The verses resonate with a deep understanding of the human experience and offer insights into our own lives.

Bringing Ancient and Modern Together

By merging ancient myths with contemporary language and themes, these modern poems create a bridge between the past and the present. They invite readers to connect with the timeless tales of gods and mortals, encouraging us to reflect on our own lives and the roles we play in the cosmic dance of existence. Through the lens of poetry, the myths that have shaped human culture for centuries become relevant and accessible to a modern audience.

The Power of Words

Gods And Mortals: Modern Poems on Classical Myths is a celebration of the transformative power of literature and the enduring allure of ancient mythology. These poems remind us that the stories of gods and mortals are not mere relics of the past, but living entities that continue to inspire and resonate with our lives today. Whether you are a lover of poetry, a fan of

mythology, or simply someone seeking a profound literary experience, this collection is sure to captivate your heart and mind.

Take a Journey into the Mythical World

Step into the realm of gods and mortals, where ancient myths meet modern poetry. Dive into the depths of emotion, traverse epic landscapes, and discover the enduring power of classical mythology. Allow the words to transport you to a realm where gods and mortals walk hand in hand, and where timeless stories are given new life. Prepare to be enchanted by Gods And Mortals: Modern Poems on Classical Myths.

Hades

Where we go when he closes my eyes
and under what country:
some blue darkness, further than hell;
a landscape of absence and root and stone.
There are no bodies here,
we dream shapeless dreams—
a constant, cloudless storm.

Mother, I'll never wake up from him,
I have already traveled too far.
My mouth is the color of his mouth:
and his arms are no longer his arms;
they're mute as smoke, as my first white dress,
and the spear of his name, once ferocious,
dissolves on my tongue
like sugar, like birdsong. I whisper in:
Hades.

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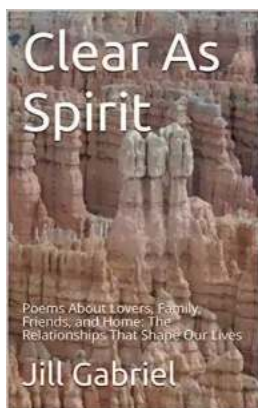
For centuries, poets have looked into the mirror of classical myth to show us the many ways our emotional lives are still reflected in the ancient stories of heroism, hubris, transformation, and loss that myths so eloquently tell. Now, in Gods and Mortals: Modern Poems on Classical Myths, we have the first anthology to gather the great 20th century myth-inspired poems from around the world.

"Perhaps it is because the myths echo the structure of our unconscious

that every new generation of poets finds them a source of inspiration and self-recognition," says Nina Kossman in her to this marvelous collection. Indeed, from Valery, Yeats, Lawrence, Rilke, Akhmatova, and Auden writing in the first half of the century to such contemporary poets as Lucille Clifton, Derek Walcott, Rita Dove, Wislawa Szymborska, and Mark Strand, the material of Greek myth has elicited a poetry of remarkably high achievement. And by organizing the poems first into broad categories such as "Heroes," "Lovers," "Trespassers," and secondly around particular mythological figures such as Persephone, Orpheus, or Narcissus, readers are treated to a fascinating spectrum of poems on the same subject. For example, the section on Odysseus includes poems by Cavafy, W. S. Merwin, Gregory Corso, Gabriel Zaid, Louise Gluck, Wallace Stevens, and many others. Thus we are allowed to see the familiar Greek hero refracted through the eyes, and sharply varying stylistic approaches, of a wide range of poets from around the world.

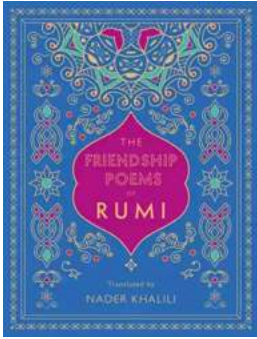
Here, then, is a collection of extraordinary poems that testifies to--and amply rewards--our ongoing fascination with classical myth.

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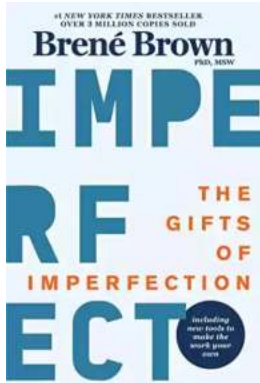
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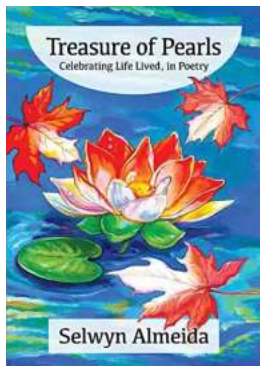
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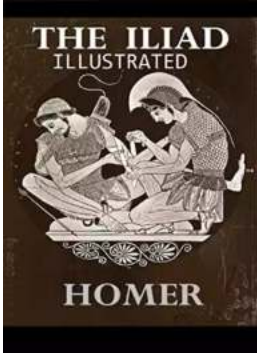
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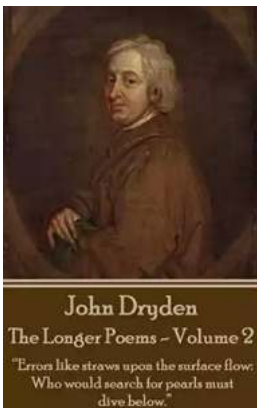
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