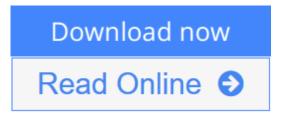


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Review

"Being above ground is overrated, right? Anyone who is fond of mythology will absolutely love Persephone's Orchard." - Nevaeh's New Adult Book Blog

"Molly Ringle has crafted an excellent piece of fiction. ... one which encourages me to cuddle under the covers, knees up, and enjoy the spicy details." - *Long and Short Reviews*

"If you love Greek mythology, particularly the story of Hades and Persephone, then you should definitely add Persephone's Orchard to your TBR list. I was very impressed with Molly Ringle's reworking of the myth, and I can't wait to see what she has in store for the rest of the series." - Rally the Readers

"I felt a deep connection with this beautiful retelling of this Greek myth (which is my favorite), and how she has wound it all together into this delectable story. I believe Ms. Ringle's readers will be enthralled by this journey too!" - A Bookish Escape

"This novel jumps right into the action and doesn't look back!" —San Diego Book Review

"Molly's artfulness in setting patterns of relationships and events in ways that illuminate each other, create foreshadowing and dramatic tension is an especially enjoyable element of the book." —Still Seeking Allies

From the Author

It doesn't take much research to find that there is no one "proper" way to tell any of the Greek myths. People developed their own favorite versions in different areas, with contradictory details cropping up between one story and another. Therefore, in taking a Greek myth and turning it on its ear, I figure I'm only adding to the longstanding tradition of creating a version of events I personally am fond of.

The ancient myths all tend to agree that Hades kidnapped Persephone, completely against her will, traumatizing her and breaking her mother Demeter's heart. But for reasons I can't fathom (maybe I simply wanted a prettier story?), ever since I was a teenager I wanted to see a version where Persephone loved Hades, and he loved her too. (It's possible he did in the original myth, and just had an unhealthy way of showing it. We don't get a lot of glances into Hades' mind in those old stories.) But in rewriting the myth that way, it became clear that if Hades wasn't the villain in the triangle, someone else would have to be.

About the Author

Molly Ringle's stories always include love and humor, as well as the occasional touch of tragedy and/or the paranormal. An award winning author, Molly lives in Seattle with her husband and kids and worships fragrances and chocolate.

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