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Jason And The Argonauts: A Graphic Novel (Campfire Graphic Novels)



Synopsis

Jason and the Argonauts is a visually and emotionally captivating graphic novel that depicts the adventures of the famous Greek mythical hero Jason. Jason is sent by King Pelias to find the magical Golden Fleece after the King hears about it from an oracle. Jason accepts the mission and hires fifty heroes including Hercules, Peleus, and Laertes, and commissions Argos to build a large ship. During his voyage to acquire the fleece, Jason and his crew of valiant Argonauts brave danger, magic, and unusual and enchanting beings along the way.

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Literary

Customer Reviews

"Maybe life is about the journey and not about the destination. That is the moral put forth in Jason and the Argonauts . . . The thing that sets Jason apart from so many other Greek heroes is that he is not a demi-god, or a child born of a god and a human. Jason is fully man, yet he manages to rally some of Greece's greatest heroes to his side (including the mighty Hercules/Heracles) for a quest that is set up to be a suicide mission at best. Jason is at times foolish and at others he is extremely clever (like when he has to outsmart some indestructible zombies- yeah, it's really in the book!). The story moves at a good pace, and loose ends tie up nicely making it feel complete. . . . an enjoyable read and goes along well with (Campfire's) Labors of Heracles graphic novel." -- John Tompkins, Children's Librarian/Graphic Novel Specialist
"Colors are used brilliantly in Campfire's graphic re-telling of Jason and the Argonauts, especially the color red. Sankha Banerjee's art is fluid,

boldly heroic and incredibly immersive. . . The selection of variants from the source materials was indeed wise and made for a uniquely told and well-knit version. . .
Campfire!"
Hercules Invictus, The Quest for the Golden Fleece

Dan Whitehead has almost twenty years of experience writing for and about the entertainment industry. He has previously worked as a videogame consultant for the Guinness Book of World Records, and currently does freelance reviews of games for Eurogamer Ltd. He has also published *Nevermore*, a graphic novel adaptation of short stories by Edgar Allan Poe.

The Greek myth of Jason, the Argonauts, and the Golden Fleece get the graphic novel treatment courtesy of Campfire Books, author Dan Whitehead, and illustrator Sanikha Banerjee. Jason and his companions will complete a great quest so that Jason may take control of the kingdom that is his birthright. However, Jason will learn, like any good Greek hero, that everything in life has a price...The story begins with the young Jason returning to Iolcus, the land of his birth, to assert his right to the throne. Jason is favored by the Gods, but as a mere mortal, he makes mistakes, including giving his adversary King Pelias an excuse to send him out on a seemingly impossible quest, to seize the Golden Fleece from a distant land and bring it back to Iolcus. Nothing daunted, Jason undertakes the quest, accompanied by a band of heroes including Hercules, Orpheus, and the sons of Boreas the North Wind. They sail in the custom-built ship the *Argo*. Jason and his companions will overcome many obstacles and survive many trials on the way to the Golden Fleece. Jason himself grows into the role of a leader, assisted by some gods who favor his quest. He will also be aided by the sorceress Medea, to whom he makes a pledge of eternal love. Jason and his companions will find the fleece, and he will return a hero, but his personal flaws will also follow him home. This account of Jason and the Argonauts follows traditional interpretations of the hero and his fate, which may seem harsh unless considered in the totality of his actions. Highly recommended as a good adventure and a complex moral teaching.

The story of Jason and the Argonauts lends itself well to modern adaptations, as proved in the classic 1963 filmatization. I still remember many scenes from that film vividly. Dan Whitehead's graphic novel version has all the 'adventure' elements that made the movie memorable, but retains the important elements of 'moral tale' and 'tragedy'. I read the 100 or so pages without putting my iPad down. The pacing of the story is very well done, and I found the balance between text and illustrations to be ideal. Sankha Banerjee's illustrations are done in a modern style that I expect will

appeal to many readers. Personally, I was not always impressed by his use of colours and caricatured way of showing the characters emotions and ... well, character through their facial expressions, but it is a minor complaint that does not prevent me from giving this book 4 stars and a good recommendation.

Campfire Comics are some of the best comics for young minds, that are written to arouse curiosity, inspire and stimulate minds to search the world around us and research tales of great deeds of unforgettable people. The comics/graphic novels are written and illustrated to recount stories of human values, in the hopes of widening the minds creative scope and interests. What I stated above is the Campfire Comics Mission Statement. Although their books are geared towards young minds, I have also found them to be entertaining and enjoyable, even for a 50 something woman such as myself. I'm adding a listing of a variety of Campfires graphic novels to give you an idea of what they have to offer. Campfire also offers their own comic creations besides classics, biography, history and more. * 400 BC* Romeo & Juliet* Robinson Crusoe* 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* A Journey to the Center of the Earth* Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* Frankenstein* Gullivers Travels* Joan of Arc* Call of the Wild* The Lost Continent* People That Time Forgot* Invisible Man* The Wright Brothers* The Time Machine* Treasure Island* The Wind in the Willows* King Solomon's Mines* The Merchant of Venice* Wonderful Wizard of Oz* Oliver Twist* The Offering* Conquering Everest* Space Race* Alice in Wonderland* The Swiss Family Robinson* The Prince and the Pauper* The Dusk Society* Photo Booth* Tom Sawyer* Huckleberry Finn* The Hound of the Baskerville* The Prisoner of Zenda That should give you a very good idea of the variety Campfire offers. Stop by their website to research for even more great reads! www.campfire.co.in Mary Fortner Smith Comics..... Resistance is Futile!

I had no direct contact with this book as it was sent directly to facility where nephew is an inmate. However, he said the book is fascinating, arrived in excellent condition and he was quite impressed with it. He is interested in all mythology books and very excited about receiving this volume. Thank you

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