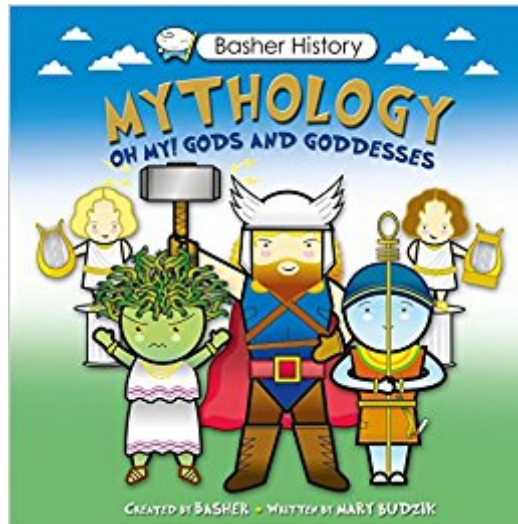




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# Basher History: Mythology: Oh My! Gods And Goddesses



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Unfortunately, this title is strong on quirky voice but weak when it comes to clarity and organization. Readers unfamiliar with the subject matter may find many details confusing, and though there is a glossary at the end, it is not helpful in every case. For instance, the entry on Dionysus notes that he

is the only Olympian god with a mortal parent, but the book never clarifies what is meant by "Olympian god," and the very next entry is Asclepius, a god who also has one mortal parent. Nor are the 12 Olympians grouped together; Hephaestus is tossed in near the end of the chapter. While some readers may enjoy the brevity and humor, most libraries should consider this an additional title. For a book with more comprehensive coverage, consider Blake Hoena's Everything Mythology (National Geographic, 2014).  
—Misti Tidman, Licking County Library, Newark, OH --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Simon Basher is the creator and illustrator of more than a dozen internationally bestselling books for children including the critically acclaimed Basher Science series. Based in London, Basher specializes in "graphic surrealism" and his original artwork is regularly exhibited and sold in the UK, Europe, USA and Asia. Mary Frances Budzik is the author of previous Basher titles Grammar and Punctuation. She has a BA in English Literature from Boston College and an MA in English Literature from Colombia University. She lives in Connecticut. Sue Alcock (consultant) is a professor of archaeology and classics at Brown University, specializing in ancient Greek and Roman culture. Additional Consultants: Professor Richard Buxton (Greek/Roman), Dr John Haywood (Norse) and Dr Aidan Johnson (Egyptian)

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