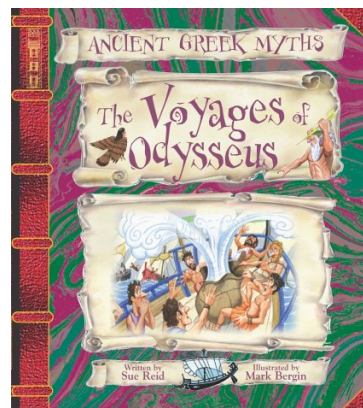


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## The Voyages of Odysseus

United Kingdom (2004)

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| General information                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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Sources:

The cover of the book *The Adventures of Perseus*.

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Sources:

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[Interview](#) at the [creativeinterviews.com](http://creativeinterviews.com) (accessed: April 17, 2018).

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Summary This book depicts Odysseus' travels and various adventures: meeting with Polyphemus, the Cyclops; visiting the court of King Aeolus and on the island of Circe; Odysseus' descent to the Underworld; meeting dangerous sirens, and escaping Scylla and Charybdis. After all the adventures, Odysseus comes home to Ithaca, and there is danger there as well - the palace is occupied by suitors trying to marry Odysseus' wife, Penelope. Odysseus defeats the suitors.

In this book, the illustrations and words work together to tell the story. The illustrations are fun and complement the text. They are dynamic and convey the emotions that are contained in the text.

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Analysis Like every book in the series "Ancient Greek Myths", *The Voyages of Odysseus* is very well composed. The text is written in an accessible way, and the illustrations are colorful and complete the text. The Homeric story of Odysseus' travels after the fall of Troy is told in the traditional version of the epic. Scary scenes or characters are shown in a suitable way for children, without horror or unpleasantness. The book ends with a glossary that explains to the young reader who is who in Greek mythology. It is a typical retelling of well-known stories and also has didactic value. However, first and foremost, it is a tale of exotic and magical adventures, absorbing for young children.

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