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Beasts of Olympus is a series of 144-page illustrated chapter books set in a magical Ancient Greece where strange things still walk the Earth. *Beast Keeper* tells the story of Pandemonius (a.k.a. "Demon," the half-god son of Pan) who, on his tenth birthday, is called upon to look after all the mythical creatures that belong to the stables of Olympus.

## **Beast Keeper Details**

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## From Reader Review Beast Keeper for online ebook

### Chelsey says

So many modifiers and meaningless sentences. I get that things like this are churned out pretty fast, but they still employ editors, right?

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### Lauren says

Percy Jackson meets Nathaniel Fludd Beastologist in this delightful series that is sure to introduce more young readers to Greek mythology

2017 Reading Challenge: A book involving a mythological creature

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### Zaz says

A nice introduction to Greek mythology and its beasts.

I was at the bookstore, trying desperately to find something for my godson. The task was difficult because I want to introduce him to Greek mythology, so I'll be able to recommend him Percy Jackson when he's older. Between the lame stories and the too difficult books that need a lot of mythology knowledge or have a high level of language, I was discouraged. Then, I stumbled on the 3rd book of this series, with its obvious "Olympus" title. The 1st pages seemed ok and I liked the art (US artist), so I decided to download the 1st book when I came back home. The read was easy, as expected, and I enjoyed the "veterinary" side of the story, with Demon focused on taking care of the mythical beasts (I didn't like the abuse the beasts suffered before coming there, but at least nobody died). Not many interesting things happened but the book was the occasion to meet various creatures and to hear about some gods or heroes. I appreciated the fact that everything wasn't mellow, but at the same time was very safe for the hero. The book satisfied my main goal, introducing the young reader to Greek mythology, while delivering a nice story that will probably please kids around 8 years old.

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### Ryan says

This is my new favorite beginning chapter book series. It is time to say goodbye to Magic Tree house. Demon is here to keep the animals well cared for, and to give the young reader a grand adventure. Pandemonium (Demon for short) is the half human son of the god Pan. On the day he meets his father, he is taken to Mount Olympus to take care of the stable of mythical creatures. This is a great being series for boys and girls alike. It has adventure, it has vocabulary building, illustrations, and it has heart. I can not wait to read the next in the series.

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### **Angélique says**

Ce livre est arrivée chez moi, il n'y a pas si longtemps que ça. Je me suis dit que j'allais le garder pour un moment où j'avais besoin d'une lecture simple, rapide et sans prise de têtes. Je l'ai donc lu cette semaine et je fus très heureuse de ma lecture. Je ne connaissais pas du tout cette saga, ni même l'auteure mais c'était une très bonne surprise. Je remercie les éditions Le livre de poche/Hachette pour cet envoi.

Résumons un peu. Démon est un demi-dieu, fils de Pan et d'une mortelle, qui vit une vie (presque) normale. Il n'a ni la force d'Héraclès ni la (quasi) invincibilité d'Achille. Son pouvoir à lui, c'est de parler aux animaux. Comment imaginer que son père débarquerait dans sa vie pour l'emmener sur le Mont Olympe ? Là-haut, Démon sera chargé d'un rôle bien précis : celui de débarrasser les étables divines de leur puanteur monstrueuse, et de soigner les bêtes légendaires des dieux grecs.

Parlons dans un premier temps des personnages. Notre personnage principal n'est autre que Démon, un demi-dieu. C'est un personnage assez complexe pour moi, car je le ressentais comme timide mais qui n'a pas sa langue dans sa poche, courageux mais parfois peureux. Il était quand même très attachant et sympathique. En ce qui concerne Pan, son père, personnellement je ne l'ai pas trop apprécié car il vient chercher son fils mais l'abandonne de nouveau par la suite. On a envie de lui demander s'il fait exprès et s'il veut être détester par son fils. Quoi qu'il en soit, il y a aussi un autre personnage qui est très présent, il s'agit d'Héphaïstos. J'ai beaucoup apprécié ce personnage car il n'hésite pas à aider Démon. On avait l'impression que c'était plus loin le père de Démon que Pan, tellement il était beaucoup plus présent. Il y avait également d'autres personnages présents tels que Héra, Zeus, les « monstres ». Le griffon était fort sympathique également car il était présent pour Démon.

(suite lien ci-joint: <http://tinkerbells-readings.blogspot....> )

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### **Christina Reid says**

Would be perfect for ages 7-9, especially anyone studying Ancient Greece. I really like how this gives the other side of the story with the mystical beasts arriving back in Olympus to recover after being 'killed' by Greek heroes in the world below. I could see this being very popular with my Year 3 class so have put a few copies in our book corner.

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### **George's Books (Kids & Young Adult) says**

Pandemonius suddenly has his hands full when he unexpectedly becomes the keeper for the stable of the Gods on Olympus. He has to figure out how to keep his magical creatures healthy and happy and keep the gods happy too. That's a lot for an eleven year old!

This a very original take on the greek myths aimed at a middle grade audience. It will pair wonderfully if they have an older sibling or adult in the family that is reading Percy Jackson. Reading it to my five year-old it seemed a little gruesome but it would be fine for someone older. The book reference things like Prometheus being chained to a rock with his liver being eaten every day - it doesn't dwell on those gruesome

details but even the reference was a little much for him.

Demon (short for Pandemonius) is fiesty and fun. He is likable, though he seems younger than eleven. George and I didn't find him totally endearing, but we might as the books continue and as he grows into the role. The challenges he faces drive the book, and through those challenges Demon can subtlety teaches about solving problems, not giving up and also managing your temper.

The illustrations are wonderful, funny and add so much to the story. There is a good amount (about 1 every 3 page-turns)

It was a fun quick read. The greek names make the book a challenge to read out loud, and would be a challenge for middle grade reader to sound out, but not impossible. I'm a big fan of greek mythology so this is a fun way to introduce my son to that cast of characters in an age appropriate way.

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### **The Book Girl (Andrea) says**

Pretty cute. Review to come.

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### **Kim Siegenthaler says**

Fun read aloud book for Catie and I. Love all the mythology.

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### **James Costello says**

Coats, L. (2015). Beast keeper. London: Piccadilly Press.

This is a story about a boy named Demon who really likes all kinds of animals and has the ability to talk to them. One day the gods recognize his passion for animals and put him in charge of taking care of beasts and monsters for them. Turns out it is a pretty dangerous and difficult job, but with some help and a couple magical tools, he soon realizes he loves his job, but will he be good enough to keep it in the eyes of the gods?

Questions:

1. Do you think Demon should be thankful or upset with his father for getting him the job the way he did? Why or why not?
2. Do you think Hephestus made the right decision to let Demon figure out how to cure the hydra by himself even though his life was on the line?
3. Do you think Hera was out to get at Demon because of her mean nature, or do you think Hera was testing him to see how he would do in difficult situations? Explain your answer.
4. Besides Demon's love for animals, are there any other reasons why he might love his job?
5. Heracles was often the one who was harming the animals and making Demon's job very stressful. Do you think Demon should have the right to hurt Heracles if given the chance and teach him a lesson? Why? Explain your reasoning.

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### **Mary Ellen says**

This book is adorable! Pandemonius (who goes by Demon) is the half mortal 11 year old son of Pan. Olympus is short a beast keeper and knowing Demon's live for animals, have asked him to come care for the mythical creatures of mythology.

This was an adorable, quick read (about an hour) that elementary age kids will love! There were some great laugh out loud moments. I will be checking out the next in the series the first chance I get.

This is a book I will be recommending to lots of intermediate age readers!

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### **Caren says**

Very good choice for 3/4 grades. Greek mythology, fun, and not too long.

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### **Malissa says**

Beast Keeper tales the story of a young boy named Pandemonious, or Demon as he likes to be called and his adventures in Olympus after being taken by his father, the God Pan. Lonely and a bit frightened Demon who being part God is gifted with the ability to talk to animals has been tasked with the upkeep of the Stables of the Gods and all the creatures that inhabit it. For a strong willed boy used to the docile creatures of the forest surrounding his earthly home Demon finds himself struggling to fill his role and in constant fear that one misstep will have him sent down the 'poo chute to Tartarus'

I love the imagery Lucy uses when describing Demon's world.

"Pandemonious, my boy!" said his dad. Pan's voice was like mossy bark on ancient trees. It was deep and velvety with a hint of crumbly roughness at the edges."

I mean seriously, doesn't that just make you smile at the beauty of the description? I love that while this is a book for young readers and the sentences are simple and the story still filled with silliness like the 'poo chute to Tartarus' there are still these beautiful images that make them stop and think about the wonder all around them. If a voice can sound like 'mossy bark on ancient trees' what other ways can we see the world, what other beauty surrounds us disguised as the simple or mundane?

Brett Bean's illustrations are just like the book light and whimsical and fit beautifully with the story, I'd be happy with a book twice as big just so we could have an illustration on every page. There are so many little things to look at. The creatures, the emotions of the characters, each picture is the perfect accompaniment to Lucy's words.

I look forward to seeing how Demon grows, how he handles the problem that is 'Heracles' and hopefully how

his relationship with his father grows. My 3rd grader who is a bit of an advanced reader was able to sit down and finish Beast Keeper in one sitting. She loved the ease of the story, although she was quite sad when Demon's dad took him from his mom and just left Demon to sort things out for himself. I of course that this was the perfect lesson in learning to problem solve on your own and when all else fails knowing you can ask for help, haha!

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This is a fun read for young lover's of mythology and action tales. It's simple sentence structure makes it great for even the newest readers, but doesn't leave out the more difficult words and themes allowing your child to grow as a reader. For more advanced readers this is a light, fun, entertaining book that will lead to them wanting to learn more about Greek mythology. Both types of readers will be hooked and eager for more of Demon and his adventures in Olympus!

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### **Charity says**

any book that my kid devours at age 9 is awesome and this has got him interested in mythology and its a series

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### **Anna (Ink of Books) says**

3,5 Sterne! Ziemlich süß und gut für Kinder geeignet!  
(Englisch sprechende Kinder ?)

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