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Ages 1-4, board book. First in series.

When Pandora is warned by her mother not to open a box, her spirited curiosity trumps her obedience. Pandora harmlessly touches the box, innocently leans on the box, and eventually, albeit accidentally, bursts the box open! The cupcakes that were hidden inside are ruined, except for one last vestige, which Pandora presents in the hope that her mother still loves her. Leslie Patricelli's depictions of this physical comedy bring a lively narrative to Joan Holub's carefully crafted text. Includes a summary of the original Pandora's Box myth at the end.

## **Praise for Mini-Myths: Be Patient, Pandora!**

"These adorable volumes feature the title characters learning important life lessons with slight allusions to their Greek mythology counterparts."

--*School Library Journal*

In one of two titles launching the Mini Myths series, Goddess Girls author Holub presents less a retelling of the story of Pandora than a modern (and entirely delightful) twist on it. Instructed by her mother not to open a neatly wrapped box, Pandora grins mischievously at readers. "I am not opening the box. I am only touching it." Luckily, after bouncing on the box causes it to fly open, it isn't the evils of the world that pour out. Patricelli's preschool-age Pandora couldn't be cuter, and an endnote explains the original myth in greater detail. Genuinely funny and sweet. Simultaneously available: Play Nice, Hercules! Ages 1-3.

--*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

## **Be Patient, Pandora! Details**

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## Mundie Moms & Mundie Kids says

If you're a fan of the Greek Mythology, you will love this new series from Joan Holub & Leslie Patricelli, Mini Myths. Perfect for little hands, these sturdy board books are a great way introduce toddlers to some mythology favorites like Hercules & Pandora, while reading them a story they can easily identify with. The easy, plain text makes it great for short attention spans, and the simplistic pictures with their bright primary colors will engage toddlers. At the end of each book, Holub paraphrases the mythology behind each character for children to understand.

In, Be Patient Pandora, Pandora receives a beautifully wrapped present, and told not to open it. Being Pandora, she finds ways to inspect the box without actually opening it. That is until she accidentally does something that opens the box. In, Play Nice Hercules, Hercules learns the importance of playing nice with his little sister. Which is hard when all he wants to do is knocking over the tower of blocks.

While both books feature toddler sized versions of two popular Greek Gods, these stories are more about manners and learning lessons in patience and playing nice. Something toddlers and young children will easily identify with.

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## Shannon Faith says

This is such an adorable board book that I think all children can relate to. It is quite short and has few words so this would be such a great "learning to read" book! My two year old absolutely loves the illustrations. They're so simple yet so bright and really bring the story to life. We read this book almost every night and almost every night it brings about a great conversation between my daughter and I. For example, we talk about the last time she showed a lack of patience, or how sometimes Mommy has to work on her patience as well.

I love at the end of the book after Pandora apologized, she asked her Mom if she still loved her and her mom reassured her that she did love her. I think this is a really big deal for kids as they sometimes associate doing something "bad" as being bad and risking their parents' love. I want my children to know that no matter what they do, I will always love them. After reading the book, my daughter and I talked about that very subject--even though some of things she does are not good, Mommy and Daddy will always love her.

Basically, this has been such a great book for our family and we cant wait to see what other board books Joan Holub writes! I did receive this book for my honest and unbiased review. I would never recommend something that I didn't absolutely love and all opinions are completely my own.

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## Holly Letson says

I won this book from a contest held by the author, Joan Holub.

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I mentioned before how much I love these little books. (See my review on Mini Myths: Play Nice,

Hercules!.) Cute and sweet, they are fun retellings of tales from mythology.

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This one is about Pandora and her box that she should never open. Pandora keeps telling herself that she will not open the box, since her mother told her not to. But, she will do everything but, which--of course--causes the box to open. She is only sorry, when it is too late. But, her mother still loves her.

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### **Bonnie Rediske- says**

My four year old was highly engaged in this story even though it was short and sweet. She was glued to each page wondering what was going to happen. I could see the little wheels turning in her head, trying to figure out the end game. Her favorite part was when mommy said I love you.

Great story!

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### **Oh My Bookness says**

Mini Myths; Be Patient, Pandora is a modern day parable, mythology based about a young Pandora. The Mini Myths; Be Patient, Pandora is based around Pandora and "her box" with a twist. Be Patient, Pandora by Joan Holub and illustrated by Leslie Patricelli brings Greek Mythology to the young in a fun and simplistic and easy, fun to understand way in this board book.

Young Pandora is told not to open the box, but her curiosity gets the better end of her. She cannot resist getting closer and closer to it. From just touching, to sitting on it....well just until her curiosity gets the better of her, rips the package open. In a tale filled with a lesson to be learned, followed by cute and fun illustrations by Leslie Patricelli and text by Joan Holub, Pandora teaches the lessons of Hope, love, curiosity with patience. At the end of the story follows the original myth summarizing Pandora and the Box given to her by Zeus after being sent down to earth by the gods. Knowing the box did belong to her, her curiosity got the best to her and had to know what is in the box. What would follow would make all suffer, but what lastly remained in the box would be HOPE, which meant love and happiness was still possible.

A book to be enjoyed by the young will let all readers enjoy the story with its fun illustrations.

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### **Ashwini Baranwal says**

I love Greek mythology and the characters. This book illustration is simple, neat and clean enough for a toddler to understand the feelings conveyed. The mini story ends beautifully. No matter what, a mother always and will love her child. My toddler went a little emotional and hugged me several times.

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### **Zechariah says**

Love how this book adapts a traditional Greek mythology character and fashions it into something relatable for young children. Helps to teach things like obedience too. There are not many words for this book, so it is

also up to the reader to narrate, which is cool because there can be different versions when read by different people!

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### **Cyndi Flores says**

I love this book, first it is made ( if you get the physical copy) of a thick cardboard so won't tear with small hands, could be wiped off easy. And for any one loving mythology this is a great "start" to getting your tiny ones into it. this is based on Pandora's box. But the story is all about patients and how a child can push it and push it, we all know how that is... I am just touching it, I am only leaning on it... and so on, it has great fun pictures. And your child will love looking at it with you or alone it is easy enough for them to "read" on there own, and with you, great from the start of when you want to bring books into the picture and then all the way thru the pre k years. I loved this book, and so did the lil ones.

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### **Ava\_Amaré says**

This will likely not be our only venture into mythology, so hopefully it gets better. Not the most word-y book, which is not a bad thing, but this didn't really tickle our fancy. We love the end though, because just as we suspected mamas will love us no matter what. It's like their job or something.?

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### **Jaymie Shook says**

“Be Patient, Pandora!” fit in well with our household experiences. Little man doesn’t wait well. I’ve been trying to teach him with the mantra “What is being patient? Waiting without whining!”

In the book, the little girl finds a wrapped present that her mom tells her to leave alone. While Pandora keeps herself from straight out opening the box, she gets a little closer to it, nudges it, stands on it, and jumps on it. When she jumps on it, the box opens by itself, and ruined cupcakes fly out. Pandora is worried that her mom won’t love her anymore, but of course Mom banishes that thought quickly. Great lesson, though. Next time Max starts to whine, I just have to remind him that he might ruin the cupcakes!

At the end of each story is a page that summarizes the myth. While it’s a lot of text on one page for my boys right now, I do love the introduction to Greek mythology. It was one of my favorite concepts to learn in elementary school!

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### **Tasha says**

These two first books in the new Mini Myths series are a cheerful mix of mythology and toddlerhood. Pandora explores the temptation of a wrapped present and how hard it can be to wait to open it. Pandora is told to leave the present alone, but just can’t seem to stop herself from touching it, leaning on it, and accidentally opening it. Hercules is told to play nice with his little sister, but Hercules is much more interested in knocking things down than being nice. In the end of both books, the myth becomes more about manners and how to be with others.

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### **Gregory Bray says**

I've always been a fan of mythology be it Greek, Roman, Norse etc. This was a great way to introduce my son to it. We liked how the story of Pandora was updated and retold ending with a nice lesson of love. The last page tells the story from the original mythology for comparison. Hopefully now thanks to the book, my son knows that even if he touches something I told him not to, that I still love him.

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### **Vincent Noot says**

Haha! That's exactly what curious little kids do! They touch it, hold it upside down walk around it... anything they can do without opening what they're not supposed to open. I am eager to teach our kids (which will hopefully come in the next near future) patience through this cute little story. The facial expressions the illustrator drew are priceless. Great job!

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### **Vera Godley says**

Pandora is typical of any small child when there is an unopened surprise or gift. "Do not open the box..." is tantamount to stirring the ever present curiosity that is innate in the child. So she looks. She approaches. She touches. She sits upon it..... well, you kind of get the idea that "Pandora's box" is ultimately opened.

While this state of curiosity and disobedience is natural in a child, they need to learn to manage it. In the Mini Myths series for the very young child, Pandora is nicely handled. I think the "myth" that is explained at the back of the book is perhaps understandable by the 5-year and older child; it will be a bit lost on the younger audience. I would recommend this for someone who wants to teach control of curiosity to a young child.

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### **Cressida says**

So completely hilarious! Pandora's expressions are adorable and the story not only captures the myth, Pandora is any child told not to do something. "I'm just touching it..." For the same demographic who enjoyed Darth Vader & Son.

Would love a poster or print of mischievous Pandora creeping towards the box (my favorite illustration in the book.)

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