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General information	
Title of the work	Pop! Disney (Series, Vinyl Figure no. 381): Hades
Country of the First Edition	United States of America
Country/countries of popularity	Worldwide
Original Language	English
First Edition Date	2018
Official Website	Funko.com (accessed: October 29, 2021)
Genre	Collectables*, Figurines*
Target Audience	Crossover (ages 3 and up)
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Creators

Funko LLC. (Company)

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Funko is an American company located in Everett, WA. The company designs, sources and distributes collectable products, including vinyl figures, actions toys, plush, apparel, housewares and accessories.

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Additional information

Summary

"Funko Pop!" Hades is a "Funko Pop!" vinyl collectable figurine. It is part of the "Disney Hercules" collection, which includes Hercules (no. 378), Meg (no. 379), Phil (no. 380), Baby Hercules (no. 382) and Baby Pegasus (no. 383). These figures are licensed from the Disney movie *Hercules* (1997). Like all "Funko Pop!" Figures, Hades has a large head on a small body. He is smiling, and his smile reveals rows of pointed, jagged teeth. Hades is blue with blue hair. He has a pronounced jutting chin and blue-lidded yellow eyes. He wears a black chiton with fringed, tentacle-like hem over a navy blue sleeved garment. Hades stands with his hands steepled before him and fingertips touching.

Analysis

This figure represents the character from the Disney movie and not the mythological deity per se. Hence it appears as he does in the movie (but unlike the voice actor James Woods whose animated character was reminiscent of his own appearance), with the familiar "Pop!" attributes (round head and less pointy features than in the animation). The figure represents Hades as smiling viciously, perhaps in the middle of preparing his evil plans against Zeus or Hercules. He does not appear angry or frustrated as he does in many parts in the movie, but has an evil grin, while the position of his hands might allude to contemplation of a wicked plan. His lack of muscles (in contrast to Hercules) is another indication of this character's scheming intellect.

The emphasis of his white pointy teeth visually indicates that this character is evil (in comparison, the "Pop!" figure of Zeus has a delicate smile without no teeth showing). Usually "Pop!" figures have black eyes, but here the eyes are yellow, again, a known feature of the animated character which further enhances its wickedness. The use of strong colours makes this figure stand out and the addition of sharp chin and teeth emphasizes its evil nature. Thus this figure well captures Hades' menacing presence from the movie: it shows a scheming villain whose main trade mark from the movie was his facial expression.

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Classical, Mythological, Traditional Motifs, Characters, and Concepts	
Other Motifs, Figures, and Concepts Relevant for Children and Youth Culture	Family Good vs evil Magic
Further Reading	Reyan, Ali, *"Pop" Culture: The Incredible Rise of Funko Pop!* available at Rolling Stone website (accessed: October 29, 2021).

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