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Not the Curious Kind: Pandora Tells All

United States (2014)

TAGS: Epimetheus Hermes Pandora Zeus





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General information	
Title of the work	Not the Curious Kind: Pandora Tells All
Country of the First Edition	United States of America
Country/countries of popularity	United States
Original Language	English
First Edition Date	2014
First Edition Details	Nancy Loewen, *Not the Curious Kind: Pandora Tells All*. North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, a Capstone Imprint, 2014, 32 pp.
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Genre	Humor, Mythological fiction, Picture books
Target Audience	Children (4–8 years old)
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Nancy Loewen (Author)

Nancy Loewen (1964–) is an American author. She has published more than 140 books for children and young adult readers.\

She has also written personal essays, short fiction and picture books.

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Additional information

Summary	This is the story of Pandora, told from her point of view. She gives a rational explanation for why the box was opened, blaming it on her cat, saying that one day, while cleaning the living room, Pandora forgot to lock Cuddles up while she placed the vase on the floor so she could dust the shelf. It was Cuddles who knocked the lid off.
Analysis	The story of Pandora is told from her own point of view with illustrations on every page, almost like a comic strip or graphic novel for children. The author includes discussion questions and suggestions for further reading to understand the story better, as well as a glossary of terms. While the story does use the basis of the myth surrounding Pandora's vase – the creation of man by Prometheus, his stealing fire from the gods, and Zeus' creation of Pandora as a punishment for Prometheus – Loewen completely disregards any mythological reference to Pandora's curiosity and lays all the blame on the cat for knocking the lid off the vase.
Classical, Mythological, Traditional Motifs, Characters, and Concepts	Epimetheus Hermes Pandora Zeus
Other Motifs, Figures, and Concepts Relevant for Children and Youth Culture	Animals Character traits Values

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