

Avner Katz , Rakefet Zohar

Greek Mythology for Kids [Mitologya Yevanit l'yeladim

מיתולוגיה יוונית לילדים]

Israel (2007)

TAGS: [Aphrodite](#) [Apollo](#) [Athena/ Athene](#) [Daphne](#) [Greek Gods](#) [Greek heroes](#) [Greek mythology](#) [Hades](#) [Hephaestus](#) [Heracles / Herakles](#) [Hercules](#) [Olympus](#) [Orpheus](#) [Pandora](#) [Prometheus](#)



Courtesy of Kinneret, Zmora-Bitan publishing.

General information	
Title of the work	Greek Mythology for Kids [Mitologya Yevanit l'yeladim מיתולוגיה יוונית לילדים]
Country of the First Edition	Israel
Country/countries of popularity	Israel
Original Language	Hebrew
First Edition Date	2007
First Edition Details	Rakefet Zohar, <i>Greek Mythology for Kids</i> . Or Yehuda: Kinneret, Zmora-Bitan, 2007, 135 pp.
Genre	Illustrated works, Myths, Short stories
Target Audience	Children
Author of the Entry	Ayelet Peer, Bar Ilan University, ayelet.peer@gmail.com
Peer-reviewer of the Entry	Lisa Maurice, Bar-Ilan University, mauril68@gmail.com Elzbieta Olechowska, University of Warsaw, elzbieta.olechowska@gmail.com

Creators



Avner Katz , b. 1939
(Illustrator)

Avner is an Israeli illustrator and an emeritus professor from the Department of Fine Arts, Haifa University. Aver was born in Kibbutz Ramat Rachel in central Israel. He studied art at Bezalel academy of art and design, Jerusalem and in London at the Central School of Art and Design. He also designed costumes and sets for the theatre. He won numerous awards during his carrer.

Sources:

Bazalel.secured.co.il (accessed: June 28, 2018)

Dafdaf.co.il (accessed: June 28, 2018).

Museum.imj.org.il (accessed: June 28, 2018).

Bio prepared by Ayelet Peer, Bar Ilan University,
ayelet.peer@gmail.com



Rakefet Zohar , b. 1960
(Author)

Rakefet Zohar is an Israeli author, journalist and educator. She holds a B.A. in History from Tel Aviv University and a teaching diploma from the Kibbutzim College. She currently teaches literature and gender studies in Kibbutz Ein Shemer in northern Israel. Rakefet was brought up in kibbutz Baram in the Galilee. Her mother, Aliza Amir-Zohar, is also an author.

Sources:

[Profile](#) on Library.osu.edu (accessed: December 29, 2016).

Bio prepared by Ayelet Peer, Bar Ilan University,
ayelet.peer@gmail.com



Additional information

Summary

This book is an illustrated collected edition of former individual four books previously published separately: *Great Stories from the Olympus* (1999); *Pandora's Box* (1996); *Hercules and Other Heroes* (1997) and *Famous Lovers* (1998). The book offers various stories from the Greek mythology, about gods and heroes in an accessible language for children. The stories included in this volume are:

Great Stories from the Olympus

When the World Was Created

The Love Goddesses' Shell

The Revenge of the Blacksmith God

The Goddesses who was Born from the Forehead

The Twelve Gods

Pandora's Box

How Man Was Created

Who Stole the Fire?

You Must Not Open Pandora's Box

Hercules and Other Heroes

Heroic Hercules Beats Death

Heroic Perseus Fights Medusa

Heroic Theseus and the Crimson Wool String

Heroic Atalanta and Her War Against Men

Famous Lovers

Apollo and Daphne

Eros and Psyche



Pygmalion and Galatea

Orpheus Descends to Hades

Analysis

Maurice (2016) 324-5 notes on the book*: *According to Zohar herself, the original idea for the series came from the editor of the publishing house, Saray Guttman. Zohar, however, felt very comfortable with the project, having read and loved stories of Greek mythology as a child (in particular Jane Werner Watson's book), and having studied ancient Greece as part of her history degree. She used a wide range of sources in both Hebrew and English in writing her versions, mentioning particularly Robert Graves, but adapted these sources freely, particularly with regard to dialogue and the heroes' and gods' thoughts and motivations. These changes were also intended to make the myths suitable for a juvenile audience, and this is reflected in the selection of specific stories as well. Maurice also adds (326), that Rakefet Zohar's series was wide-ranging, comprising retellings of both the Olympians and the great heroes, as well as tales with moral messages.*

* Maurice, Lisa, "Greek Mythology in Israeli Children's Literature," in Katarzyna Marciniak, ed., *Our Mythical Childhood... The Classics and Literature for Children and Young Adults*, Leiden: Brill, 2016.

Classical, Mythological,
Traditional Motifs,
Characters, and
Concepts

[Aphrodite](#) [Apollo](#) [Athena/ Athene](#) [Daphne](#) [Greek Gods](#) [Greek heroes](#)
[Greek mythology](#) [Hades](#) [Hephaestus](#) [Heracles / Herakles](#) [Hercules](#)
[Olympus](#) [Orpheus](#) [Pandora](#) [Prometheus](#)

Further Reading

Maurice, Lisa, "Greek Mythology in Israeli Children's Literature," in Katarzyna Marciniak, ed., *Our Mythical Childhood... The Classics and*



Literature for Children and Young Adults, Leiden: Brill, 2016, 307-32.

