

**Title:** *The Chalice of the Gods*

**Author:** Rick Riordan

**Genre:** Fantasy Fiction

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Arnav A., 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

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Upon entering his last year of high school, Percy Jackson is thrilled at the thought of finally being able to relax; no more fighting monsters, and no more completing quests at the will of the gods. All he has to do is get into New Rome University with his girlfriend, Annabeth Chase. Of course, this is not as easy as it sounds - On his first day of school, Percy receives a summons to the guidance office. There, he finds Eudora, the school “counselor.” She tells him that, in order to get into New Rome University, he will need to obtain recommendation letters from three gods. These gods must come to him, most likely with a task that needs to be completed. A few days later, Ganymede, cupbearer of the gods, arrives with the first request. Ganymede is responsible for providing drinks to the gods at their will. At special events, he must use the “Chalice of the Gods,” to pour the drinks. (This chalice, amongst other powers, can grant immortality to anyone that drinks from it.) However, Ganymede has lost this chalice, and needs it before the next feast (which could occur at any time), shan’t he face Zeus’ wrath. Thus, the iconic trio of Percy (“preloaded” with sarcasm), Annabeth (nicknamed “Wise Girl”), and Grover (a half-goat full of hunger and anxiety) return for yet another quest. The three are almost certain that the chalice had been stolen. Specifically, they suspect either Hebe (the goddess of youth) or Iris (the goddess of the rainbow), as both of them formerly held Ganymede's position. They first visit Hebe, at her store in Manhattan. Unfortunately for them, their visit does not go as planned, and, in interrogating her, actually offend the goddess. This results in Hebe turning them into eight year olds. After a long battle, involving some wild chickens, they are finally able to convince her to return them back to their normal selves. After leaving, with the knowledge that Hebe *definitely* did *not* steal the chalice, they decide to visit Iris (with more caution, this time). While they find out that Iris also did not have the chalice, she did have information about who did steal it. As per usual, the information did not come for free - So, Percy and Annabeth go to Camp Half-Blood (on Long Island) to complete another, albeit “minor”, task. Finally, after a long struggle, they know who has the chalice: now, it is just a matter of getting it back...

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

Yes, the plot kept me very interested throughout the entire book. The way that the author decided to present the events made it that I always wanted to find out the latest development in the situation.

*Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow, or just right?*

I found the pace of the book to be perfect - I did not feel that the author was rushing to recount any battle/situation, but also did not spend too long describing them.

*What grade level(s) is this book appropriate for?*

I feel that this book would be appropriate for students in sixth grade or higher. It is not very complex to read, but also requires deep comprehension skills that younger audiences may not possess.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?*

I would recommend this book to any reader that enjoys reading fantasy, and is interested in mythology. In addition, readers who enjoy comedy may also enjoy this book, as there are various jokes sprinkled in throughout the story.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?*

I believe that it would be helpful for teens to know that this book is a continuation of the various Percy Jackson series written by the author already. While the author does a good job of making sure that reading those books is not entirely necessary, having the background knowledge would certainly enhance the reading experience.

Rating: 5 stars: *I'm really glad I read this book; it was awesome!*

I greatly enjoyed reading this book. I found it to be funny, entertaining, captivating, thrilling, and interesting, all at once! In other words, the author created a book that encapsulated many “frightening” and “scary” scenes, but added light to the darkness through his humor. For example, the love-hate relationship between many characters (namely Percy and Annabeth) provided comedic relief at various points throughout. Moreover, there is never a moment in the book where the reader feels bored; there is always something that is happening, or about to happen.

**Reviewer Name and Grade:** Srisharan S., 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Date Reviewed:** July 11, 2024

*“The Chalice of the Gods”* by Rick Riordan is a cool young adult fiction book. This book is set in the fantasy-adventure based Greek mythology. It is in the Percy Jackson series. The story centers on Percy Jackson who Poseidon says was never supposed to exist because of the pact between the big three not having children after World War 2. This means Percy Jackson is not eligible for New Rome University. Zeus says Percy can attend New Rome if he completes 3 quests for the gods and gets a letter from each. Poseidon puts an ad for Percy Jackson. Percy’s girlfriend (Annabeth Chase) and Grover (Percy’s best friend) both decide to help him on his quest. Percy along with his friends meet the divine hero Ganymede (Zeus’s cupbearer) during the quests. Ganymede was interested in the ad. He needed help because his chalice of immortality is missing, and he wanted it back before the other gods found out. Percy Jackson, Grover, and Annabeth are going on their second quest together since their first quest (The Lightning Thief). This book is an exciting, action-packed book. *“The Chalice of the Gods”* is a thrilling adventure with a protagonist trying to get into a university.

*Did the plot keep you interested?*

The plot of *The Chalice of The Gods* kept me engaged with the book’s action, thrill, and energy.

*Was the pace of the book just right?*

The plot of the book was just right with high action moments blending with quiet moments blended in the right way.

*What grade level(s) is the book appropriate for?*

This book is appropriate for Middle School and High School Students Grades (5-8 Grades) but more for those who are interested in mythology (Greek), and fantasy.

*What type of reader would you recommend this book to?*

I would recommend this book to readers who enjoy fantasy and mythology. Also readers who enjoy action.

*What other information do you think would be helpful for teens to know about this book?*

In general, teens can expect a fun and entertaining journey that blends Greek mythology with storytelling in this novel written by Rick Riordan.

*Rating: 5 Stars*

I enjoyed *“The Chalice of The Gods”* and found the book to be an awesome book to read. The story was interesting, fun and energetic, the characters were very well developed (Percy Jackson who is always a very great hero). Overall, the book *“The Chalice of the Gods”* had an engaging story with a very good theme.