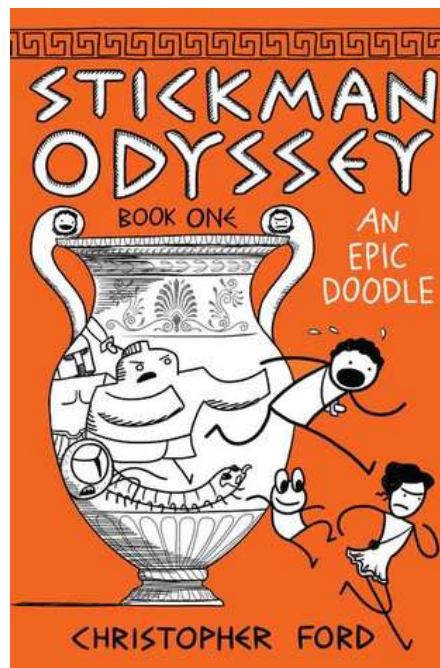




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When Zozimos is banished by an evil witch (his stepmother!) from the kingdom of Sticatha-the kingdom he was next in line to rule-he trains at battle (if you call chasing after butterflies training), travels across stormy seas (thanks for that, Poseidon), slays golems and monsters (with a lot of help), charms beautiful women (not really), and somehow (despite his own ineptitude) survives quest after quest. By the love of Zeus, though, none of it brings him any closer to home!

It does, however, make for one quirky, original, giggle-provoking graphic novel sure to appeal to any kid interested in Greek mythology, or merely looking for an entertaining read.

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Lindsey says

This is hilarious! It perfectly follows the structure of an Homeric tale, but with a truly original story! Loved every second.

Liz says

This book was amazing! It was funny and happy and exciting. It wasn't just a retelling of Homer's Odyssey, it was the completely different story of a hero on his quests. He meets friends that help him and new enemies that oppose him. It wasn't just funny, though. It had serious moments as well. Overall it was a great adventurous read!

Cover: The cover is interesting and displays the main ideas of the book. It also looks funny and the colors work well.

Lydia says

I was very entertained - there are many laugh out loud moments in this book. Please take 30 minutes to try this book out and I promise you won't regret it.

Katie says

I'm not sure where I read about this book in order to put it on my "to read" shelf, but I found it pretty disappointing and silly. Which probably means middle grade boys everywhere will love it :) It is an epic parody of The Odyssey and follows a literal "stick man" named Zozimos on his quest to return home to Stithica and take the throne as rightful heir. I just didn't get it y'all. I much prefer Rick Riordan's modern take on Greek and Roman mythology to whatever it was this author was trying to do. Gross out potty humor and a whiny protagonist abound.

Dolores says

What fun! Here's a new twist on the Odyssey. You definitely have to look hard to recognize some of the original elements under the twists and turns and zaniness of this graphic entry, but I saw a few things here. Zozimos is quite a character. I'm looking forward to the second book.

Courtney says

No classic story is complete until you've read it in stickman form. Just sayin'.

Really, this is a hilarious volume that makes the Odyssey entertaining for any age. Follow Zozimos on his adventures after he is banished from Sticatha. You'll meet golems, smart ladies, sailors and so much more. All in stickman form! Now I need to track down the next volume (aaaaand...ordered).

Sylvester says

Funny. I like these modern takes on old classics.

Allison Parker says

Gross-out humor and Greek myths unite in this comic adventure. Don't let the word "doodle" fool you; artist Christopher Ford works his deceptively simple line drawings to their fullest, weaving hilarious potty humor ("This mud tastes like day-old farts,") with witty details in this story's retelling. With a nod to Ford's chosen medium and artistic license, he depicts the gods' chief tool (weapon?) as a giant ink pen, quick to draw in either storm clouds or a rescue raft, depending on their notoriously turbulent mood swings. Looking forward to Book 2.

CrunchyMetroMom says

This was HYSTERICAL. imagine if Odysseus were a liar, a fraud, a narcissist and...a stick man. That'll get you this book -- a story of just such a (stick) man, as he tries to find his way back to claim his throne an the evil witch. It's hilariously funny, very clever, and amusing for kids and adults alike. I can't wait to get to book 2!

Tracey says

So, if you know The Odyssey, this is freakin' hysterical. The dry wit that runs throughout the entire text made me LOL during quiet reading time and had my students thinking I was a crazy person. This is not meant to be a replacement for reading the original text in the way that some graphic novels can be. BUT, I would highly recommend having students read it AFTER they've read the original. OMG. So funny.

Brenda Kahn says

Cute, clever, appealing. My book fell apart on its first reading though. Ugh. And it's signed.

readknitread says

Graphic novel full of stick figures! Follow Zozimos as he tries to make it back to his home of Sticatha. He'll battle monsters, find an island of candy, learn the art of combat and poop his pants. Along the way he finds friends and fellow warriors who help him in his quest to find home.

Great pictures, funny and a good lesson in what happens when you piss off the gods.

Brenda Lower says

So, fairly random book. Made me snort and giggle a time or two. I'll find the next one and read that too.

Julie says

I picked this up because I collect modern reinterpretations of classical literature, and in particular reworkings of the *Odyssey*. (Yes, I have a novelization of the episode in which Wishbone plays Odysseus.) It depicts an *Odyssey*-like story in a graphic novel with black-and-white stick-figure drawings. It is a very clever pastiche of Odyssean narrative (Zozimos washes ashore and narrates his journey as Odysseus does) with mythological tropes (the royal child raised far away; the impossible quest; the damsel in distress) and some familiar types (a Herculean strong man, the wise warrior who raises him, the barbarian king). Very entertaining, not least because of the name of Zozimos' island: Sticatha.

Kevin Hodgson says

funny ... fun ... odd (all the things I like in a graphic novel on a lazy day)
