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At the conclusion of *The Mark of Athena*, Annabeth and Percy tumble into a pit leading straight to the Underworld. The other five demigods have to put aside their grief and follow Percy's instructions to find the mortal side of the Doors of Death. If they can fight their way through Gaea's forces, and Percy and Annabeth can survive the House of Hades, then the Seven will be able to seal the Doors from both sides and prevent the giants from raising Gaea. But, Leo wonders, if the Doors are sealed, how will Percy and Annabeth be able to escape? They have no choice. If the demigods don't succeed, Gaea's armies will never die. They have no time. In about a month, the Romans will march on Camp Half-Blood. The stakes are higher than ever in this adventure that dives into the depths of Tartarus. This paperback edition will include a never-before-seen short story, "The Crown of Ptolemy," in which Percy and Annabeth fight alongside Carter and Sadie Kane, and more bonus content!

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From Reader Review The House of Hades for online ebook

Aiashine says

Okay, my full review at last. My format of reviewing is just like i did in the previous book.

My heart flutters when i'm reading this one because its the fourth book and i will have to wait for the final book! :D I am so excited what will happen to this series.

Leo: He is so useful in this book! Hes so awesome. I ship him to Calypso by the way but i don't have faith much in this two, since Calypso is in her world.

Piper: Im glad she is moving to help her friends. Her fight with ice-gods are awesome although her relationship to Jason still didn't improve, oh Piper dear, i think you are in verge of heartbreak.

Jason: Im glad he have a numerous POV in this book! not much to say to him but he is reaching out to his friends.

Hazel&Frank: They are so cute! Such a matured couple.

Percy&Annabeth: How could i forget this two? Drinking fire, getting help from Bob and Damasen, their love is so strong and i can't wait for book 5 for their happy ending.

NICO: Okay, so his name is in caps and bold BECAUSE OF HIS REVELATION
sakldjsfhjsahfgdghjhhdfkghdksjadfhkjasgrf I CANNOT!! I DON'T EVEN HATE OR DISLIKE IT
BECAUSE ITS GOOD JUST TO WAY IT IS!!

Oh, wait..

Reyna - Shes so awkward(well thats expected...) and im glad she is not like the other Roman demigods that are narrow-minded.

Well, for the whole summary of my review, it is awesome. I can't wait for the book 5. :D

Belle says

House of Hades Review:

(Pre HoH release review review near the bottom somewhere...)

EDIT: May, 2014

So... a confirmed Nico point of view for BoO... interesting...

Contains House of Hades spoilers

Ummmm... so House of Hades was kind of epic. I'm just trying to figure out where to start here... how about IT

WAS TOO FREAKING SHORT!

So, it was almost 600 pages. And it was awesome, but I can't help feel that it *still* could have been longer. As many Tartarus chapters as there were, they were all short. And Piper only got one section of chapters. Which, don't lie, was a pretty bad-A Khione confrontation.

Speaking of POV's, I was really happy to see Frank again. He has such a subtle humor that I love. And the whole thing on the bridge, I just loved it. Another thing I *loved*... HOLY CALYPSO! I got teary at the end of that part. It was so sad. I actually got the feeling that the two of them were perfect for each other. And the thing at the end of that part with the prophecy. It's all starting to come together!

Even Jason was likable in this book. Though I don't like the pro-Camp Jupiter feeling I'm getting from Percy, Jason choosing Camp Half-Blood was a nice little twist! Well, not quiet a twist. We all knew he liked Camp Half-Blood better. And, come on, we *all* like Camp Half-Blood better. Jason was also a pretty good leader in this book. He's still not one of my favorites, but he kept everyone on track. I'm really starting to get that feeling that they are all a group. Hazel and Piper started getting along and Leo got Frank that fire-proof pouch. In *Mark of Athena* the seven (plus Nico) weren't really used to each other yet, but I think all of those problems were fixed in this book. They are all a much better *team* than they were in past books.

And Percy and Annabeth were adorable. I mean, Percy only got to nap once the *entire* time, but it was all so perfect. And the pen writes in bronze, and Bob, and Small Bob, and that scene with the *arai*. I liked that Annabeth got a cool sword and the whole Tartarus being alive thing was terrifying. I also noticed that they used their *delay* tactic a lot in this book. Like, does anybody have any idea how many times someone stalls for time in this book? Not like I had problem with it, they are always hysterical when they delay. The tourist thing at the place of Night killed me. And then of course the next Jason chapter Frank picks up a *tourist* brochure.

Also, I was so shocked that nobody died in this book. Rick had me so convinced that two people were gonna die.

1. Nico or Hazel
2. Leo or Jason

I thought one person from each of these groups was going to go. He made me so certain that two of these four people weren't going to make it to see the epic last battle. Now if no one died in this book... how many are gonna die in the next one?

And now on that wonderfully happy note I'm going to talk about... NICO. Oh my gosh, is it sad that I wasn't expecting this? I'm not one of those people who have a mega-fangirl crush on Nico, yet I still didn't see the signs earlier in the chapter. I guess I just expected it to be more of a brotherly Percy thing, but I'm actually totally okay with the way it turned out. It was important, but Rick didn't make a *huge* deal of it. I think it was done very nicely, actually. Also,

Dear Rick,

We all thought it was weird in *Mark of Athena* when you said Nico had always had a huge crush on Annabeth. We know you planted it.

Sincerely,

I Knew I was Right And That That Never Happened.

And how sneaky was it that he got rid of all the extra characters on that little "save the camps" quest. I was wondering why if there were only supposed to be seven demigods, what the heck were Nico and Reyna

doing hanging around. But he fixed it, and he got rid of Coach Hedge, *who's going to have a baby!* Yay, Coach Hedge we all love you!

This was also really a book of answering fans questions. We learned Reyna's full name, Annabeth's birthday, and if Percy's pen actually writes. He did a good job of packing all of our ridiculous questions into the book in normal ways. Way to go Rick!

And how about that next title? Spooky right. I really like it. I just hope the cover isn't black, House of Hades is already dark enough that it would just look weird on my bookshelf. Oh, I'm sure the cover will be amazing as always.

As much as I'm SO EXCITED for this next book, I don't know how I feel about Percy Jackson ending. I'm going to be really sad when it's all over, and just think, the end is only a year away...

And did anyone else get that creepy Barnes and Noble exclusive map of Tartarus. It's really weird.

Mark of Athena Review and pre-HoH release ranting

Why did MoA have to end so sadly! I hardly ever cry. Even when I saw Titanic my eyes just got a little teary. But THIS! THIS was the saddest/sweetest/most heartbreaking thing I have ever experienced. Probably that ever existed. I was SOBBING! It was 1:30 am and I'm surprised I didn't wake up my whole family with the inhuman noises I was making. The only thing that made me feel (just a tiny bit) better was when Nico said that Percy was the best demigod ever and I was like: "take that Jason!" Don't get me wrong, I like Jason. Percy's just better. So yeah, my heart is broken. Forever. On a side note I hope that Nico is a POV in House of Hades [UPDATE: yes, guys *I know that there will be no Nico POV, but when I made this review I did not know that because the information was not yet released, sorry for any confusion*]. (anybody else notice Rick's pattern of the last few books. The _____ of _____ ?) Yes? NO? Also, would I be alone if I said that I think Leo is going to play a huge role in the end of the series? Just a guess.

Also, I've read the last two chapters like 5 times already and might I say that they are equally as sad every time? The worst thing about the first time, though, was that it was SO unexpected. Annabeth trips and you're like "Percy will save her!" and the book's like "lol no. They fall to their doom after a really cute moment." And then you're just like... (massive sob) "THAT'S SO CUTE AND SAD WAHHHHHH" in conclusion: I DID NOT EXPECT IT! def. his darkest (and one of his best) ones yet. Can't wait for House of Hades EEEEEEEP!

Rick isn't too cruel so Percy and Annabeth will probably make it but it's still super sad. And to those of you telling Rick to write faster: I know! I don't want to wait either BUT considering that it takes some authors three years to write ONE book, he's actually pretty fast. AND would you rather him take his time and have it be AMAZING or have it come out earlier and SUCK because he didn't have any time? Exactly! I don't want to wait but we have to!

And come on, you know the pain is actually really fun. It makes the book even better when you get it! Plus it gives us more time to enjoy the series AND we still have 2 years until the end... And it will all be over... And I'll have nothing to do.....

UPDATE 11/26/12

SPOILER

On Rick's blog it said that we WILL be hearing from Percy/Annabeth (my bet is on a Percy POV) in HoH and that in the end Nico can tell that they are alive. YAYAYAYAYAY

UPDATE 5/31/13

WOW. The cover. WOW. It's so creepy I honestly cannot stop staring at it. They look like zombies! I love it! Also, has anyone seen the U.K. cover? I like how the U.S. and U.K. covers are always sort of similar. I think they want us to think certain things. Like the MoA cover, we all thought that Percy and Jason were going to fight because on BOTH covers it showed them in deceiving battle positions.. Now, the HoH covers show Annabeth and Percy in peril. I like it.

Also, guys. Seriously. Rick Riordan tweeted the link for the official unveil and on the link it said that the cover was a nice Percabeth moment. This means that, IT IS NOT NICO on the cover you guys. That sword is bronze NOT iron. Get a grip. Also, the whole 'NICE Percabeth moment thing' that I just mentioned means that Percy is not dragging Annabeth because he is possessed. I understand that you cannot see his eyes perfectly, but... guys. IT IS A DRAWING! Please forgive me, but I don't think that there is too much hidden in this cover.

Yes, I agree it is weird that their clothes are messed up. I will give you credit on that because I don't know if it's spiderweb or prison clothes as some of you are suggesting or what. Another thing that I am unsure of is the weird river/path of souls or whatever that is on the bottom. So come up with whatever predictions you want on that, it will not bother me. But people... that is PERCY he is NOT POSSESSED, and to add a third thing I love Annabeth's hair. She is Rocking the hair ribbon. (totally relevant)

Oh, and Leo... On the blurb/synopsis thing it said that Leo wondered how they were going to close the doors without someone staying behind and... I'm really scared! It said Leo wonders, LEO. would they mention JUST Leo if something bad wasn't going to happen! I'm sure though that if anyone dies Rick Riordan will do it right. Still, that will be a VERY emotional scene if it happens.

One last thing! On the U.K. cover Annabeth has a knife. YES! At the end of MoA I was freaking out because her knife and laptop fell. I had hopes that they would find them in Tartarus. I am happy to say that with proof from the U.K. cover that they possibly will find them. Maybe. I'll probably be back for another update when we get the sneak preview in a few weeks.

SO EXCITED!

UPDATE 7/10/13

Last week the first chapter for The House of Hades was released to the public. I know that it took me a really long to update what I thought, but trust me. I read it as soon as I had the chance. This first bit of The House of Hades is in Hazel's point of view. I love every single characters in these books, and I'm glad that they are all getting equal chances to speak.

The only reason that I have not talked about this chapter sooner is because I felt that there isn't much to say. It was fabulous and it set up the book for a ton of interesting things. What is Hazel going to have to do when they get to the doors? How much does Nico know? Yes, there are many crazy questions raised and, as I said, it is an amazing first chapter. There just isn't as much to question in it as there was for both The Son of Neptune and the Mark of Athena.

Rick Riordan has done a great job as always and I cannot wait to read the rest of the book!

P.S. What do you think book 5 might be called? I know that we won't find out until October, I was just wondering some of your opinions!

Claudia Ramírez says

"Bob says hello" AND I BROKE IN TEARS. WHAT IS WRONG WITH ME.

Sabrina says

But above all, **I just want this book to come out!** (or at least have *any* spoilers - I mean, I'm dying here!)

That last book left me in a jumble of emotions and feels and thoughts. But I realized something worse. Since the House of Hades is the second to last book in the series, I predict there will be a **big cliffhanger!**

You think this is bad?

Just wait till we read this book! ... Yes, I acknowledge the fact that we have to wait to read this book for practically a year.

But on a different and much happier note: The title of the book is House of Hades

Could this mean ... NICO!!!!

I think I would cry and hyperventilate if it's Nico's perspective! My heart wouldn't be able to take it. My undying love fascination of his character is just so deep, and I swear, I just want him to get out of that damned jar. Screw Team Percy or Team Jason, I'm Team Nico DiAngelo!

I wanna date meet the Ghost King!

Speaking of which, Nico better be okay and he better stay alive and Rick Riordan, don't you dare lay a finger on Nico! If you do, I swear, you better sleep with one eye open.

Percabeth update: Rick has confirmed that Annabeth and Percy are alive. How they're doing though? No clue. But I expect a *lot* of romance cause what better place to spend time with your boyfriend than in hell ;) (view spoiler)

I'm honestly not sure if I want Percy and Annabeth's perspectives to be told. If I had to choose, I would want Nico (obviously), Leo (he's hilarious), Reyna (we have to know what's going on in the Roman side of things) and

Maybe Jason? We haven't heard from him in a while and he is a main character. As much as I love Percy, I'm not sure if Rick will include his perspective again. I'd rather Percy's perspective be in the last book than in the second-to-last. Or maybe that's just me.

On the romance department, I've lost so much respect for Jason. Playing both girls .. not cool. I don't know if I want him with Reyna anymore, I'm so conflicted.

And the whole Leo/Hazel/Frank thing? UNDECIDED!

There's so much romantic drama in these books now! ENOUGH WITH THE LOVE TRIANGLES!

My most important request? I miss some of the old characters Rick. Whatever happened to Grover or Thalia or even Percy's mom? Bring them back ... please?

Post some spoilers Rick!!!! Please, please, please! Or else (and I'm serious this time!)

Cause a year is just too long to go without Percy

EDIT! - November 13th

Sorry to say this edit doesn't have any spoilers or upcoming information and things like that. But I have a *real* important thing to say ...

Please do NOT rate the book already

I know, you love Riordan. I know, all the other books were amazing! And I know this book will probably be no different but please save your 5-stars until the book has been released! There shouldn't be any ratings yet, pre-reviews are fine but ratings? Nah.

Thanks :)

EDIT! - April 5th

Two important things I have to share with you today:

Number 1) The cover art will be released on *May 31st, 2013*

So that means that this:

While very pretty, is *not the actual cover art but a fan-made cover* . ~~Why must you taunt me with this???~~

So excited to see it!

Numero 2) THE RELEASE DATE FOR THIS BOOK IS **OCTOBER 8TH, 2013!!!!**

Aww, the wait is so, very long. *6 months more ...*

EDIT! - April 11th

WAIT - WHAT?

So Rick, you mean to tell me that the fact that Aphrodite talked to Reyna, the fact that Jason felt *wrong* about Piper, the fact that Reyna was waiting for Jason to come back because she *wants to be loved* means absolutely nothing?

You see, I wouldn't have had such a large problem with Jason and Piper if not for the inclusion of Reyna/Jason feels. If Riordan wanted to be Team Piper, why did he have to make us fall in love with the idea of Reyna and Jason? This is just cruel.

On a happier note ...

Could this mean ... DOES NICO HAVE A POV????

EDIT! - May 31st

IT HAS A COVER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Let's analyse shall we?

So we can clearly see Annabeth and Percy on the cover - the first cover which features PERCABETH *cue fangirl screaming*

Secondly, and I'm sure this has already been pointed out, why are those Doors of Death closed? They - they, can't be stuck in Tartarus!!! NoooooO!

Elevetha says

Oh, geez.

Oh, wow.

This. Me. Now.

Give it to me before I freak out.

Too late.

LOOK AT THAT COVER!!!!

Sarah McLaughlin says

****SPOILER ALERTS!!***

DO NOT read unless you have read the House of Hades at least once!

Amazing is an understatement.

Even the Lightning Thief is not that great compared to this.

On a scale of 1-5 stars, it deserves a 20.

When a reader writes a Fan-fiction, he/she writes what they want to happen in the book. They may not think so, but they do. I mean, who would get a chance to change the future and change it for the worse? This book was like a Fan-fiction. Everything I wanted to happen...happened. Percabeth POV's. Leo finding someone. Piper realizing that "the world must fall" means "Gaea must fall"...and much more.

Rick Riordan, if you're listening, thank you very much for not leaving us at another Rickhanger.

Oh, and Leo—thank you thank you THANK YOU for throwing a screwdriver at the up button. ;)

Lara says

[and Calypso! I see it; I ship it *indefatigably* (hide spoiler)]

Jayson says

(A-) 83% | Very Good

Notes: Pulsating panic, its heroes mature by individual valor, personal pain, and facing down the monsters of memory lane.

Kai says

“You cannot control your parentage, but you can choose your legacy”

As always, Rick Riordan doesn't disappoint. Action, fun, more action, gods and monsters, legends and heroes, love, revenge and friendship. That is basically *The House of Hades*.

All in all this was great. Sometimes I got a bit weary, the page count is quite big in this one. But then with such a big cast of characters, it's no surprise. It's actually really quite impressive how Riordan manages to give everybody a fair share of the spotlight. No one is left behind. Even the character development is on point.

My most beloved character however is Nico di Angelo. I'm totally rooting for this guy and can't wait to read more of him. He deserves to be lucky...and I deserve to see him with a love interest that I can swoon over.

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Ahmed Ejaz says

Now I can relax . I don't wanna say it but it's true. Regardless of so much tension here, I can relax now 'cause my favourite ship of all time is safe. Safe from the Hell! I mean it. Hell!

This book was as amazing as I expected it to be. I liked how things were carried out.

=> Doors of Death. One end in the mortal world, another in Tartarus. I thought they were kind of black-hole-ish type. But no. They were elevators. This fact was amazing that they were held by chains in both places. And they had to cut them to free the Doors and stop the coming of more monsters in the mortal world.

=> Hecate, goddess of magic, got a little spotlight here. That was interesting. Her interaction with Hazel made the book amazing.

=> Frank! Wowowow! He surprised me most of the time. Every time he appeared, he got something. Something that changed his personality. I love him! I like him with Hazel.

=> Jason. He seemed a very serious version of Percy to me. Regardless, I love him.

=> Nico. *cough cough cough* I was stunned by *THAT* revelation. But I have convinced myself not to dwell on *THAT*. I am really looking forward to see him with Reyna. *Please, Uncle Rick*

=> Leo. Really? Is there a need to say that I love him or not? Who can hate him?
I am dying to find out how he will fulfil his promise.

=> Last but not the least, Percbeth. Everything they went through in Tartarus was just jaw-dropping. I admit there were some coincidences BUT nothing matters when you love the characters above everything. This is my silly opinion. I am literally trash for both of them.

Be honoured, little demigods, said the god of the pit. Even the Olympians were never worthy of my personal attention. But you will be destroyed by Tartarus himself.

Overall, a not-to-be-missed book.

October 30, 2017

Sasha Alsberg says

Another amazing novel by Rick Riordan! Cant wait to start the next novel and see how this all ends!

William says

FINAL REVIEW

HOLY HOUSE OF HADES. MY EMOTIONS. THE FEELS. I CAN'T.

That book was freaking amazing. The year wait was SO WORTH IT.

Behold the actual dedicated page: "To my wonderful readers: Sorry about that last cliff-hanger. Well, no not really. HAHAHAHA. But seriously, I love you guys."

After reading that dedication page, I just died a little from the awesomeness that is Rick Riordan. You are officially my favorite author, the author who not only is able to transform a wonderful world of mythology into a gripping story that captures you from page one with wonderful characters that you all fall in love with, but an author who introduced me to the wonderful world of reading at the age of 10 with the Lightning Thief.

So many things happen in this book that just completely blow me away.

First, the character development. You would think with over 7 important characters all uniquely different, an author would have immense trouble really connecting and developing the characters. NOPE, not for Rick Riordan. Not only does he really go deep into intercharacter relationships and making sure you get to know them, he makes you fall in love with them. He makes you so emotionally invested in the characters that have you screaming in joy or gripping your book (or in my case, Nook) in terror out of fear something bad is going to happen to them. He has you sobbing into your pillow, he's that good. On top of that, every single character development has a purpose, one that contributes and drives the story forward.

Holy Hades, Nico. DID NOT EXPECT THAT AT ALL. It completely changes your WHOLE PERSPECTIVE on him. I can't go in anymore without spoiling it.

Hazel. I am going to be honest. When she was first introduced, she was honestly not one of my favorites. I was just like "ehh..." when I first met her. This book completely changes that. She becomes so awesome, not just personality wise, but power wise too. Best combination ever.

Same goes for Frank. He got more awesome. I'll leave it at that.

Leo. I finally feel like there is some kind of closure for Leo that has been eluding him for like the past 3 books. And his romance? (view spoiler)

The setting. Oh my Lord, the world building continues to be phenomenal. I think I have learned more about Greek mythology from the Percy Jackson series than like anywhere. What is so refreshing about this series is that Rick Riordan doesn't just make up random things to complement his stories. He uses ACTUAL GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGY and gives them a fun twist while keeping them factual. It's just amazing. The descriptions, just everything ugh, is perfect.

I really don't know what else to say that can give props to this book's world building and setting.

The plot is amazing, just in case you didn't know. It grips you, but Riordan's style of story telling just makes it impossible for the reader to like put the book down to go do work. But, Rick Riordan does something other than just create plot. He uses it as a mechanism to not just give characters meaningful growth, but the reader as well. The messages he peppers in makes you nod in appreciation.

All in all, I recommend this book for everyone. I am not ashamed to say that I am a senior in high school geeking out and having feels and emotional attacks while reading them, and I also am not ashamed to say that I probably will keep doing that forever and ever even when I am an adult. The Percy Jackson series are amazing. Rick Riordan is amazing. This book is amazing. So go read it now. Fortunately, Rick Riordan does not end this book in a cliffhanger or I might have died. But, on a different note, I am also extremely sad and nostalgic that the next book will be the last in this series... and perhaps possibly the end of the era of Percy Jackson.

But I am happy to announce that I am here for the journey and will relish every moment of it. Blood of Olympus, bring it on. Rick Riordan, I wait here impatiently for your next book in great eagerness and

anticipation.

In short,

Update: 2/6/2013

IS THAT THE REAL COVER???

2012

Is there a law in this country where we can get our favorite authors to write faster???

October 2013? THIS ISN'T FAIR! HOW CAN YOU LEAVE US ON THAT HEART WRENCHING CLIFF HANGER!?? WHY!

Melanie says

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So the air was acid. The water was misery. The ground was broken glass. Everything here was designed to hurt and kill.

I have never been a fan of including gifs. in my reviews however The House of Hades, calls for some exception. Not only have I been dying for a year to read this, but also because right now, I'm a mess of emotions and words. I mean, I was already crying when my mum snagged a copy for me while I was at school the second the bookstore opened. And then I abandoned all my review books so I could read The House of Hades ASAP because... IT'S THE HOUSE OF HADES, DUH. Proceed onwards!

Picking up from where the torturous The Mark of Athena left off, we have Hazel, Frank, Leo, Jason, Piper, Nico and Coach Hedge on the Argo II, on the way to meet Percy and Annabeth on the other side of The Doors of Death. However the task is not that simple, a war is brewing between the Greeks and Romans, Gaia is becoming stronger... and the Athena Parthenos needs to be in its rightful place. The House of Hades, second last book before the finale (which has been named The Blood of Olympus) has a little something for all types of readers. Action, mythology, humour, romance, sacrifices, war and monsters are all present. And, trust me people; you will not be disappointed--no matter how high your hopes were, no matter how excited you were, no matter how much of your body you would sell for this. No. Disappointments. YAYA! The House of Hades, has whopping 7 main characters and 2 sub-main characters. Crazy? Yes. It has always been my greatest concern that The House of Hades would make my brain hurt from attempting to distinguish apart such an ample number of personalities. Yet, I seriously love love loved the characters in this book. Percy, our hero since the beginning has never been more selfless and humorous. He may be kickass but he still has one big big heart--and a very funny personality. However I couldn't help but think that Bob the Titan, (yes, Bob is back!) was one of the more laughable characters here. Percy had a little less due to his situation, a.k.a in the deepest part of hell. Annabeth, wholly badass, full of hope and smart. Always with a plan. While Percy and Annabeth are in Tartarus, they face some of the biggest challenges and curses of their lives--their abilities are stretch to their maximum and above. And their romance was like THE SWEETEST

EVER. I'll admit, their isn't as much as I was wishing for but Rick Riordan makes it the most realistic and every time they'd hold hands I was like
Together, they make an ass-kicking team.

Hazel was actually one of the more important ones in The House of Hades. I grew rather attached to her, she's so determined to save everyone, so full of heart, so determined. I really wanted to tackle hug her. Leo, our cool guy with plenty of cute arrogance. Frank, lots of character development in this one, our shy and unsure one. Coach Hedge, we go a little more into his history and still and get plenty of his love for killing and butchering. And Nico! OMG. My fictional crush <3 I did get heartbroken though. Heart. So. Broken. Into. Shreds. Piper and Jason... they were just meh. As usual. Not that they ruined my enjoyment of the book but I am just no fan.

I do think, while Percy Jackson and the Olympians and The Heroes of Olympus are full of fun and action, it's also been teaching me a lot of Greek Mythology and Roman Mythology along the way, in fact, I've become really interested in Greek Myths, and am planning to learn more about religion and mythology for my free electives at school which is exciting. I am so, so grateful to have read this series. Some books, you read and love but they may not teach you as much as this one. Rick's books come with the extra of some knowledge. If an author can teach a bit of Greek Myths while writing an attaching story, I do believe that all MG and YA readers so give this series a go.

All in all, The House of Hades was no disappointment apart from the fact that I have to wait ANOTHER year for the sequel. *cries*

Lyza says

Post reading:
Long sigh
Review to come.

Edit:

I'm changing my mind about Frank's percentage.
I give him a 75% chance of survival.

But Lyza, you say, isn't Frank the most likely to die? His life depends on a stick! It was explicitly stated in SoN that he would die holding the stick in his hand, and it would be sooner rather then later. That implies that the stick is *going to burn* at some point in the series, right?

Exactly, my friends. Exactly.

Rick Riordan has drawn so much attention to this stick that he's basically painted it orange and waved it around like...I don't know, what do you call those things that people use to signal airplanes? Those things.

Uncle Rick has been basically, flat out *telling us* that Frank has a stick, the stick is going to burn, and Frank is going to die.

Forgive me if I find the fact that this is emphasized so much rather suspicious.

Then again, Riordan could always pull a 180 and actually kill him. I could easily be wrong.

50 days to go!

EDIT:

COVERCOVERCOVERCOVERCOVERCOVERCOVER!!!!!!

IT'S SO PRETTY!!!!!!

...He's going to kill off Leo isn't he.

I mean, think about it, even though I'm a Leazel fan, I think it's pretty obvious that Frank and Hazel will end up together, and Percy and Annabeth... You know what, I think I'm just going to state survival percentages because I'm still in a coma from MOA and I need to straighten out my mind. So.

Percy - 97% chance of survival. I doubt that Uncle Rick would kill him off (permanently). He's Percy after all.

Annabeth - 93% chance of survival. Percy and Annabeth are the main characters, this is (supposedly) a childrens book, and besides, I just really think they're both going to live. It's the other characters I'm worried about...

Jason and Piper - 85% chance of survival each. I think they're more likely to die than Percy and Annabeth, but less likely than everyone else. To be honest, I don't care for them that much. Moving on.

Hazel - 70% chance of survival. She's already died once. Killing her off again would be extremely cruel. Then again, her being alive is sort of stretching the rules of nature a little bit...

Frank - 55% chance of survival. I mean, his life depends on a stick, folks. He's very vulnerable. However, I do think he's more likely to live than Leo, just because, well, he's obviously the easiest to kill. It would be a just a teensy bit... predictable.

Nico - I would say it's 50/50 here.

And so we come to my poor baby:

Leo. Who I'm only giving a 30% probability of surviving, much as it breaks my heart to think about it. Why? Several reasons.

1. The fortune cookie. I am not convinced that Percy and Annabeth falling into Tartarus was the price. When Leo thought to himself that they had been the price he'd paid, I was thinking "Are you *sure* about that Leo? Are you *sure*?"

I'm not sure. It seems to me that it would be very Rick-like to make us think that the price has been paid but it hasn't.

2. The whole Frank-Hazel-Leo love triangle extravaganza. I have a sneaking suspicion that Hazel will have to go back to the underworld and *someone* is going to take her place. Or Frank and Hazel will end up together and Leo will just randomly die. Or...

3. Let us all remember that it was *Leo* who reflected that someone who had to close the doors from the Tartarus side would be stuck there. This makes me worried.

A side note: I wonder, have we *really* discovered all there is to the Sammy thing? I am convinced that somehow, some part of Sammy's soul is in Leo. **NOTHING SHALL DISSUADE ME.**

However, all this aside, I doubt that any of the seven will die until the last book.

So, yeah. Probably this book will end with Gaia awakening and everything looking very grim for our heros (especially one or two of them...)

But look on the bright side! We don't have to wait *two* years! Only one.

We can do it guys!!!!!!
(maybe)

Edit: October 8? Well, at least it's not the *exact* same week as the last Divergent book, but still probably same bookstore trip...

I sense impending doom.

Edit March 8, 2013:

GUYS.
ONLY SEVEN MORE MONTHS.
WE'RE ALMOST HALFWAY THERE.
GUYS.

The worst is behind us, since now we can look forward to the cover and blurb and page count and first chapter and aslfjd;l

Edit March 13, 2013

THERE'S A PAGE COUNT! Is it legit though? It's exactly the same as the one for MOA, and I really don't see how they could know it yet since the books probably not even finished yet...

Edit April 8

SIX MONTHS PEOPLE.

Darlalala says

[... (hide spoiler)]
