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When struggling pre-med student Ruby West beats the unconquerable Ash at chess he becomes fixated on her. Which is great if you like smoldering blue eyes, sculpted features, and afternoons of unexpected adventure, but not so great when she discovers he is a Greek god and his father, Zeus, has forbidden the gods from interacting with humans.

Ruby soon realizes her love for Ash threatens the fragile stability that has kept the gods from meddling in the mortal world.

Before long the two find themselves on a quest to rescue a goddess, save the Earth from unending winter, and secure the right to be together forever.

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Kilikina says

Haven't really heard anything about this book or author so I had no expectations, but, I loved it. Like a lot more than I thought I would. It might even be my favorite Greek God/Goddess/Mythology type of book...? Ok maybe that's up for debate, but I'd say it's definitely a favorite for me and an awesome start to a series. This was exactly the type of book I've been searching for for a while: action with some romance, main characters as well as secondary characters that held their own, and an original storyline.

I definitely can't wait for this sequel. *waits impatiently*

Genta Sebastian says

Joannah Miley's debut novel, *The Immortal Game*, provided an entertaining read. A story of a human woman, Ruby must decide if she'd be helping mankind better by pursuing a career as a doctor, or by marrying (and calming) the God of War, Ares. Ms. Miley's representation of the Greek God's various stories seemed reasonably well researched, I remembered the ones she used from my sixth grade class (mumblebumble years ago).

Her protagonist, Ruby, is much more fully developed than her other characters, which left me wishing for more. I feel the author missed a wonderful opportunity to give us complex characters in the Gods. Likewise, her relatively tight writing style in the beginning relaxes considerably toward the end of the book. My final complaint was that after setting us up for this epic battle between the Gods because they chafed under the rules set up by Zeus, they settle their differences peacefully by *continuing to chafe under Zeus' rules*. While I know the anticipated war was the backstory, it was the compelling reason for much of Ruby's behavior in the last half of the book.

I thoroughly enjoyed Ruby's trip through Tartarus. I did find myself wishing Ruby had entered the Elysian Fields, where a chance meeting with her deceased father would have been emotionally interesting. I also think pulling the shade they rescued back into the story as a helper as they tried to escape the wrath of Hades would have been a nice rounding out of his story.

For a debut novel, I thought *The Immortal Game* was nicely done. I think the book will work well as a YA novel, as well as NA, because of the tasteful way the author avoided graphic sex. The romance seemed a little rushed, but then who's to know the ways of the Gods? Maybe having all of eternity leads directly toward a need to bond quickly.

Jesikah Sundin says

This story puts a whole new spin on the phrase, "it's Greek to me". Joannah Miley masterfully weaves well known stories from Greek Mythology in such a way it unfolds a new epic adventure for the Gods of Mount Olympus, providing a new story to entertain us mere mortals. Thank you, Joannah, for giving my imagination the Wings of Hermes and for offering ambrosia to my heart through Ruby and Ash's romance. Highly recommended :-) I look forward to book two!!!

Selah Tay-Song says

The Immortal Game grabbed my attention and held it. If you like romance, suspense, adventure, and intrigue, you will love this book.

I'm not a regular romance reader, but although the romance between Ruby and Ash carries the story, a lot more happens than just two people falling in love (although, as Miley portrays it, there's no just about falling in love with a God.) Packed with action and adventure, TIG never stops moving. Every chapter is punctuated by a new revelation, every scene tense with desire, conflict, and danger.

The protagonist is a young college student, but I could still relate to her (I'm a ways beyond my college years), particularly her predicament about what she wants to be, how to please her deceased father, and the struggle between her supposed duty and the direction love is pulling her. The Greek Gods portrayed in modern times are convincing and at times hilarious. The God of War wears cowboy boots, the Goddess of Love wears tight jeans. Even Miley's minor characters live on the page, like Mark, her study-buddy who thinks she's going mad when she starts missing study sessions, or a shade in Hades who must decide whether to jump into the River of Lethe.

The story takes the reader from the streets of Portland to the dangerous halls of Olympus, to the depths of Hades and beyond. Instead of Alice going into one looking glass, Ruby steps through three. It could have become repetitive, but as Miley presents it, it feels like we are falling deeper and deeper into the story world. The Immortal Game provides the sense of immersion and transportation that I'm always looking for when I read a book.

Robert Slater says

The Immortal Game is an excellent debut novel. Right out of the gate Joannah Miley hooked me. I immediately identified with Ruby, the main character. Her loneliness and drive to make it through college, study and get good grades at the expense of her social life, makes her sympathetic.

Then she plays a simple game of Chess with the handsome boy all the other college girls are crushing on. That simple game plays out throughout the book. Just like a chess master is god over the chessmen so might we have gods who 'move' us. Soon we learn of the ancient gods, some of who are among us, who have chosen to place Mt. Olympus "above" Mt. Olympus in Washington State.

The setting is unobtrusive and lived in, the Pacific Northwest setting is a near future place where the world's wars have once again come to the North American continent.

As Ruby learns of the gods and finds that her relationship may be as a pawn in game of gods and goddesses we follow her, understanding why she makes her choices even when we don't like them.

There is a calm interlude in the book where everything is and heavenly, I found myself wanting some action. Then all Hell broke loose and I was left wishing for the quiet vistas, lovely settings, the calm coffee shop and the ambrosia bars. Enjoy the calm while you have it. Don't worry. Things will get worse!

The book crosses a number of genre's Young Adult, Romance, Paranormal/Fantasy/Science Fiction. It has

some sexy scenes, but they are tame and not especially explicit.

Favorite moment: In regards to remembering her Greek Mythology: "Who could have known that would be the important class?"

I love the juxtaposition of Love and War, two very traditional topics when interacting with the gods. Though Miley has suggested this is the first book in a series, this book works as a total standalone. Thanks for that, Joannah.

Write on.

Christiane says

The first book in this series was better than good, it was amazing! I love how Greek mythology and modern human civilization was meshed so well to make this unforgettable story.

This story isn't one that I wanted to put down even though I became very busy... Joannah had me hooked as soon as she introduced me to Ruby and Ash's love story. This book will take you from the streets of Portland, to the hallowed but dangerous halls of Olympus and even to the deepest depths of Hades itself. Can't wait for book 2!

*Received free copy from author for honest review.

Jordynn says

This is my favourite genre of book at the moment and let me tell you that Joannah did not disappoint. This book was a great love story and I was rooting for Ares from the start. The book had good knowledge about the Greek gods but not too much so that it made me confused about the story. The immortal game had just the right amount of action to keep the book exciting. I cannot wait for book two.

I received a copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Mike Hartner says

This is a fantastic start to what promises to be a great series.

Joannah has hooked me by introducing her readers to Ruby, and then to Ash. I'm a chess junkie, and loved to watch that aspect take off from the beginning.

Loved reading this book, and came away knowing that love will conquer all.

Great first book. Can't wait for number two

Sarah Scheffer says

I sat down for a simple 30 minutes of reading, but when my phone rang 5 hours later I realized I was captivated by this story..I couldn't put it down! I went to work the next day and all I could think about was my next break so that I might get a few more pages read. I love Joannah Miley's writing style, she totally drew me in and made me feel like I was watching everything unfold before my eyes. I cannot wait for her next book, and want to thank her for sharing her imagination with the rest of us.

Abigail says

This is my all time favorite book know!! I have recomended it to my friends and they are going to read it to! I cant wait to see what they thought of the book!

Amanda says

This is a great book for anyone who loves Greek mythology. The myths and legends come alive on the page and make for a thoroughly enjoyable read.

T.L. Searle says

This book is better than good, it's pretty awesome. If you're a fan of Greek mythology, chess, romance, reading, coffee... you get the point. The story follows Ruby, a medical student who is struggling through classes. She plans to follow in her late father's footsteps and join Medics for Mercy, working as a doctor in the war. She plays Ash at chess and wins, earning his unwanted attention in return.

Joannah Miley has created a beautiful story, combining modern-day civilisation and humans with the gods of Greek mythology. You don't have to have understanding of the subject to appreciate the characters as she has introduced and developed them well throughout the book. She has really given them different voices and displayed their personalities brilliantly.

I enjoyed reading this book. There is action, suspense and love. The locations and emotions are well written and believable. I look forward to reading the next instalment.

Damaris (GoodChoiceReading) says

Good story!!

Meghan says

Before I start with my review, let me tell you that it is THIS book that has made me decide that, from now on, I'm basing my book buying by title, cover and genre alone. I will admit fully that I did not read the description of this book - something just made me say "Yeah, I'll review this for you." So, I picked up the book and, because I had not read the description, at 21% I was like "Wait, WHAT?!?!" It was like opening an unexpected gift on Christmas, a surprise visitor, a seriously happy moment that occurs completely out of the blue during the worst day ever ... it.was.beautiful.

I love mythology. Zeus, Hades, Poseidon ... you mention them and I'm there. This book has it all - and a lot of other fun characters. I like the take on mythology this one has and the storyline itself is not only interesting, but keeps your attention, even with the slow bits. There are times when you have an idea of what could possibly happen, but then when it does happen, you're half I knew it, half wow. Definitely an interesting book and one a series I plan to continue.

Note: I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Janell Sutherland says

[Intrigued, Ash starts pestering Ruby at the coffee shop, and soon he's got her bungee jumping and rock cl
