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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

This handsome collection consists of a dozen tales from Greek mythology, most drawn from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*, including the stories of Echo and Narcissus, Ceres and Proserpine, Cupid and Psyche, King Midas. Osborne's retellings are both lively and descriptive, while Howell's full-color, often iridescent illustrations set the scene and mood at the start of each tale. Taken together, they provide a solid and highly readable introduction to the major Greco-Roman gods and goddesses and the myths that have profoundly shaped Western thought and literature. Helpful back-matter includes a list of key characters, partial lexicon of modern words drawn from the myths, bibliography and index. Ages 7-11.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 3-6-- Not a comprehensive collection, this book contains retellings of Apuleius' "Cupid and Psyche" and of 11 stories from Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. The prose is lively, the versions faithful, and each myth has a full-page, gold-warmed painting in a realistic but slightly Art Deco-archaic style. Roman names are used, with Greek equivalents given but no pronunciation key. A list of modern myth-related words classifies them as of "Greek origins," though many (e.g., cereal) are patently from Latin roots; and some obvious choices (jovial, panic, psychology) are omitted. The brief introduction repeats the dubious idea that Greek myths "explain" nature, which in any case is not a help in understanding Ovid's reworkings. Many more stories (including those of Prometheus, Pandora, Deucalion and Pyrrha, Io, Niobe, Pygmalion, Oedipus, Bellerophon, Perseus, Heracles, Jason, Theseus, Odysseus, et. al., all missing here) and illustrations can be found in the *Macmillan Book of Greek Gods and Heroes* (1985) or *Gods, Men and Monsters from the Greek Myths* (Schocken, 1982). --Patricia Dooley, University of Washington, Seattle

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