

LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer by Rick Riordan

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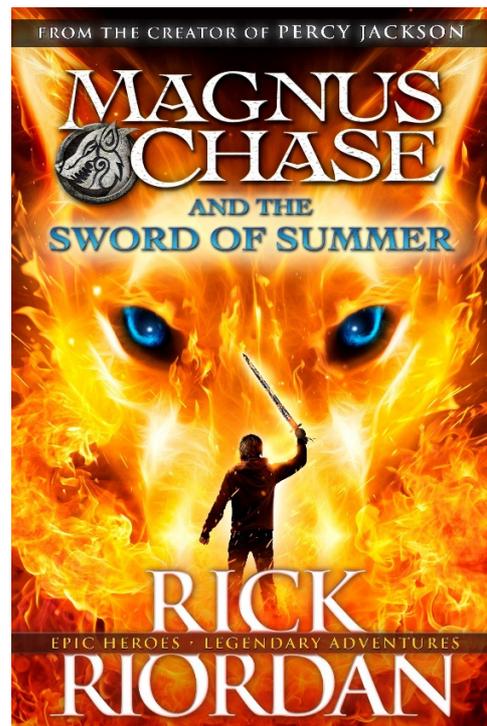
Izzy Read, age 14

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Magnus Chase has been homeless since his mother died two years ago. But on the day of his 16th birthday, he is tracked down by an estranged uncle; someone his mother always warned was dangerous. He tells him an insane secret: he is the son of a Norse God.

As a die-hard Percy Jackson fan, I was exhilarated when I started reading Magnus's story. The dialogue was everything I hoped it would be, with witty one liner's that popped up anywhere, making me burst out laughing- reminding me of Percy. I adore Rick Riordan's way of describing myths and legends;

everything brought up to date and packed with action! The characters were so diverse, with different religions and disabilities, that I felt like they taught me things. I DIED every time Annabeth came into the story; I really hope Rick continues that in the next book. Overall, it was everything I dreamed it would be (but I did have to pinch myself sometimes and tell myself it's not Percy). Anyone who's been a fan of anything like Percy Jackson, the Kane chronicles, Harry Potter or the Cherub series- this book is probably for you!



Rosie Crowson, age 12

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I loved the Percy Jackson and Heroes of Olympus series, and was looking forward with anticipation for this book. It did not disappoint. 'Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer' enthralled me with its fun use of modern culture, exciting storyline, and range of characters, from devious Loki to wise Frey, and, of course, the wildly differing crowd of einherjar. Furthermore, Rick Riordan's unique writing style brings together greatly contrasting parts of the modern world and Norse mythology, for example Taylor Swift's music being played in a dwarven bar. This makes for some pretty hilarious scenes. As well as this, the ironic/sarcastic comments made by Magnus throughout and the amusing portrayals of mythological beings from Norse legends put the finishing touches on a book awesome enough to rival the Percy Jackson series. I like the fact that all of Rick Riordan's series (Kane Chronicles, Percy Jackson, Heroes of Olympus, and now Magnus Chase) are woven together, therefore slightly overlapping each other. I like to entertain the possibility that one day Percy and Magnus will meet, as it would be very funny. Overall, I can't wait for the next book!

Molly Hudson, age 13

An exciting new series of books from the Percy Jackson Author with all new gods and heroes. If you love myths and legends this book is just for you!

Magnus Chase is an unlikely hero, homeless an orphan and happy to just exist. Life takes a turn when he finds out someone is looking for him. After meeting his uncle for the first time in years he discovers why his mum was so keen on him to stay away, trouble is around the corner! Magnus begins his whirlwind adventure finding out he's the son of a Norse God and that he must find a weapon that's been lost for thousands of years, he also has to die... If you loved Percy Jackson and Harry Potter this book's for you, there are elves, goblins, giants and trolls all wrapped up with the many gods of Asgard. The characters are great and Magnus is a likeable hero. Another winner for Rick Riordan!!

Abraham

'Magnus Chase' is an incredibly unique book with an amazing storyline that sheds a whole new light on the Gods of Asgard.

Rebekah Marsh, age 12

'Magnus Chase and The Sword of Summer' is unputdownable, when you manage to put it down and go back to reality, you question why you aren't surrounded by elves, frost giants and gods.

'Magnus Chase and The Sword of Summer' isn't just a book, it's a world that you live in. I love how the books Rick Riordan writes are so unique, yet so real. From the dwarves and elves to the headless gods and fire giants, every element of this book made me want to read more. I am incredibly excited to read the next adventure in the series.

Vicky Fisher

'Magnus Chase' is an amazing book with an incredibly unique plot and storyline.

Kezia Deakin, age 15

When even just the chapter titles made me chuckle and ponder, I knew this novel was going to be funny and captivating...I wasn't disappointed.

Since I watched films such as 'Thor' and 'The Avengers', which featured characters such as Loki and Thor, I had been eager to learn more about the Norse mythology from which these characters were loosely based on - this made 'The Sword of Summer' such a providential novel to review.

Like many of Riordan's books, the novel was very long and kept me entertained for hours on end. Right from the start my mind was plagued with intrigue as Riordan set up many mysteries to be unravelled throughout the book - making you relate even more with Magnus as you were put in the position of deciding whether to trust certain characters. The suspenseful tone was intertwined with witty thoughts from Magnus and sometimes even more humorous dialogue. Yet, at points in the book there were still heartfelt memories of loss and love: as always, Riordan managed to incorporate a perfect mix of the different emotions.

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Benjamin Parsons, age 11

'The Sword of Summer' is a great book! You must read it!

I have enjoyed reading every word of this book. It is wrote by my favourite author, Rick Riordan. He is a brilliant writer who writes mythical stories and has a very creative mind.

The book includes loads of things like tension, suspense, humor... it's all there! It's one of those books you just can't put down. I recommend it to everyone who is interested / likes stories that are about the old myths, legends and gods. If you are going to buy and read this book and you haven't read his other series, I recommend you do that first to get an idea of what Rick Riordan writes and what style he does it in. Anyone who reads this will enjoy reading it a lot.

Dylan Sweet, age 12

I would rate this a billion out of five stars and I enjoyed it even more than the Bestselling Percy Jackson series.

This is a tense book and keep you on the edge of your seat. Every minute there is stunning action and a whole lot of beasts. In this book, Magnus Chase is a normal boy however homeless after the loss of his mother. Later on, he finds himself face to face with Surt, Lord of the Fire Giants. He must sacrifice himself to save his friends. However, he finds himself in the Afterlife called Valhalla. Little does he know, his life has changed and he must go on an extraordinary quest.

Charlotte and Alex, age 15 & 10

This book is the funniest book we have ever read. You never know what's going to happen next.

Our whole family enjoyed this book, laughing most of the time. Starting with the main character dying sounds like a bad plan but in this case is a brilliant start to a fantastic adventure. Like most of Rick Riordan's books, it contains a lot of information about the chosen mythology while still being an amusing story.

Maisie, age 14

An amazing book!

I found this book brilliant the start was gripping and it lasted throughout the

whole boo. When reading u always want to read on. I found that's the book takes a little while before that action really getting going but once it starts it brilliant. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone.

Dahabo Wacays, age 17

The book had me gripped from the first page because Riordan has always been an absolute favourite of mine. Magnus Chase is witty and sarcastic which makes him a lovable character.

The first chapter is what did it for me. It was gripping and enticing and honestly I think this may be one of my favourite reads this year. It is centred on Magnus who is a 16 year old boy living on the streets. He has recently been orphaned and now must fend for himself. He seems to be doing fine until he is united with his estranged uncle, who feeds him tales of Asgardian gods. Seems that all those myths were actual truths... Magnus must now learn to survive and protect himself from the same monsters that killed his mother. Due to Magnus being a teenager with broken familial relations, he is very relatable and you, as a reader, will be able to understand him and where he is coming from. It is action - packed, fast paced, hilarious and warm. I believe I've finally found my next favourite series!

Chloe Shortall, age 19

I would recommend this book for fans of Riordan's other novels, especially the Percy Jackson books.

Since his mother's mysterious death, Magnus Chase has lived alone on the streets of Boston. One day his uncle tracks him down to tell him a secret so bizarre it seems impossible: Magnus is the son of a Norse god.

From that moment on, Magnus has to go on a quest that leads to him discovering more about his family and heritage than he could ever have imagined. Along the way he makes some unexpected friends, all of which help him to complete his quest and help delay Ragnarok.

This book was highly entertaining; Magnus is a sarcastic and humorous character. The relationships between characters are very well written. Parts of the novel had me laughing out loud.

I loved how well written the characters were in this novel. Samirah was an excellent character. She was strong and confident, a wonderful female

character. Another fantastic character was Hearthstone, an elf. His character is deaf and while that could have been difficult to write into such an action packed book, Riordan did it very well.

I would recommend this book for fans of Riordan's other novels, especially the Percy Jackson books. However if you haven't read the previous books, this novel does not hold any spoilers for the story (but it does have some notable references!).

Jake Fletcher

'Magnus Chase: The Sword of Summer' is the first in a new series about mythology and the modern world by the absolutely brilliant Rick Riordan.

In this series, Riordan turns his attention towards Norse Mythology. In this book, Magnus must stop Ragnarök (the predicted end of the world) by stopping the wolf Fenrir from escaping from his prison. Before Magnus can do anything, he is killed by the Fire Demon, Surt. Confused? Read the book to find out more!

This book didn't fail to disappoint. Rick Riordan is an author for whom everyone has high expectations. While this book doesn't always differentiate itself from other Riordan books, I still loved it. It was full of adventure, featuring fights, contests and even elves. For the Percy Jackson fans, it also features Annabeth Chase. In this book, Annabeth Chase is Magnus Chase's cousin (this is mentioned implicitly but anyone who has read the Percy Jackson novels and Heroes of Olympus will be able to tell). This gives Rick Riordan the chance to combine two worlds (Greek and Norse).

This book is a great read. I would recommend this book to all Riordan fans. If you haven't read Riordan before, you'll love it. It's fun, well written and great for children of all ages. The writing takes informal to a whole new level. These books will encourage many of us to read. Why not you too?

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Charnell Vevers

Rick Riordan once again proves why he is the master at writing about mythology, and entwining his knowledge on mythology in with his wonderful ability to tell the perfect young adult action story. Riordan's books are the kind that you will find yourself unable to put

down, and 'Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer' is no exception. This book is a riveting, action-packed, rollercoaster of a ride from the first page, up until the very last. You will get lost in this world and, once the story is over, you will be eagerly anticipating the sequel just so you can get lost in it all over again.

Humour is another key aspect to this novel, the book will have you in stitches from beginning to end. Magnus Chase is just packed full of witty, memorable characters that you easily fall in love with.

I knew 'Magnus Chase' was going to be something special from the very beginning, especially when it's starting chapter is entitled 'Good Morning! You're Going to Die.' The characters are all so unique in their own and bring something interesting to the story, and the team that forms in this book. You're going to become attached and you are not going to want to book this book down.

'Magnus Chase and the Sword of Summer' is a book that will appeal to young adults, as well as those a little younger and probably reaching all the way up to a much older generation. It's storytelling at it's best. It will also teach you a wonderful amount about Norse Mythology. So if you want to get sucked up in a story that is fast-paced, action-packed and hilarious from page one, then this is the book for you. Don't miss out on this 5 star read!