

The Deadly Power of Medusa

Greek Mythology

This book is about a boy who is a son of Zeus and a mortal woman. When Perseus is very young, he is stuffed into a crate with his mother and is set to sea. They land on an island and are adopted by a man named Dictys and his wife. When Perseus grows up, the king falls greedily in love with his mother, Danae. The king invites Perseus to a banquet, not telling him that everyone must bring a gift. The king offers that Perseus could slay and bring back Medusa's head. He goes on a journey and after encounters with Hyperboreans, Gray Sisters, and Andromeda, Perseus eventually brings back the head. Before Perseus returns, he accidentally kills his father in a discuss competition and fulfils the destiny that started this all.

This is a book that shows why one should not try to get rid of others to get what is wanted. If one would try to, things might swing around, therefore teaching a lesson. That is why this is a myth. It is a good myth that relates to modern-day times, in a sense that, for example, if one were to try and rob a bank, they might end up getting caught and gaining nothing at all. Even if nothing happened to them at all, they still gained nothing, like in the king's case.