

The book was found

# A WONDER BOOK FOR GIRLS & BOYS (non Illustrated)



## Synopsis

A Wonder-Book for Girls and Boys (1852) is a children's book written by American author Nathaniel Hawthorne in which he rewrites myths from Greek mythology. It was followed by a sequel, Tanglewood Tales for Boys and Girls. The stories are all stories within a story, the frame story being that a Williams College student, Eustace Bright, is telling these tales to a group of children at Tanglewood, an estate in Lenox, Massachusetts, where Hawthorne lived for a time. A Wonder-Book for Girls and Boys covers the myths of \* The Gorgon's Head \* The Golden Touch \* The Paradise of Children \* The Three Golden Apples \* The Miraculous Pitcher \* The Chimæra

## Book Information

File Size: 445 KB

Print Length: 258 pages

Publication Date: January 10, 2011

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B004IPPGU2

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,026,971 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #281

in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Children's eBooks > Fairy Tales, Folk Tales & Myths >

Multicultural #430 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Science Fiction & Fantasy > Fantasy >

Myths & Legends > Greek & Roman #523 in Books > Science Fiction & Fantasy > Fantasy >

Myths & Legends > Greek & Roman

## Customer Reviews

Once upon a time (I was about 8), a family friend handed down his Collier's Junior Classic series to me - each volume is a glorious hodgepodge of short stories from here, there, and everywhere. I got to be very fond of Greek mythology, especially "The Chimaera" and "The Miraculous Pitcher", since the Collier retellings of their respective legends were much more lively than the ordinary. Alas, I forgot the name of the author of "The Chimaera", and even that my favourite versions of the myths were all written by the same person. Some talented guy writing for the series, no doubt, I would

have said, if I'd thought about it. A couple of years ago, I started browsing through an impressive-looking illustrated volume of mythology in a bookstore (which you now see before you). Whoa. "Scarlet Letter" Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote \*THESE\*? His retellings of Greek myths were originally spread over 2 volumes (the other being \_Tanglewood Tales\_), but they can be obtained in a single volume these days. I can personally do without the gang of Tanglewood kids providing the official audience for the stories-within-a-story, or the defense against critics put into the mouth of the storyteller Eustace Bright, but then I want more space for more myths. :) Each myth in \_A Wonder Book\_ has an Introductory and After the Story section where the storyteller leads up to the tale, then fends off any awkward questions from his young audience. "The Gorgon's Head" - The story of Perseus, from his infancy through the quest for Medusa's head.

In the spring of 1851 Hawthorne wrote to his publisher, James Fields (of the renowned Ticknor and Fields), proposing a children's book retelling six well-known stories from Greek mythology. He planned to adopt "a tone in some degree Gothic or romantic." In addition, he wanted to make the fables suitable for young Christian children: "of course, I shall purge all the old heathen wickedness, and put in a moral wherever practicable." I am usually not a fan of sanitized tales--even when written by someone the status of Nathaniel Hawthorne. But, in spite of their overt preachiness and their occasional preciousness, there's something charming and original about these adaptations. Even adults might enjoy these six tales: Perseus's slaughter of Medusa, Midas and his golden touch, Pandora's box (stripped of Prometheus's role), the apples of the Hesperides (or Hercules's Eleventh Labor), Baucis and Philemon and the magic pitcher (which, in my opinion, is the best of the lot), and Bellerophon and Pegasus's battle with the monster Chimaera. Threading these stories together is Eustace Bright, Hawthorne's college-age narrator, who relates his versions to a gaggle of local children (a couple of whom taunt him for his bumptiousness). Hawthorne uses this framing device to insert himself as his own critic. Overhearing one of the stories, the father of one of the children is not amused, finding Eustace's taste "altogether Gothic" and advising him "never more to meddle with a classical myth." To this critique, Eustace petulantly responds that "an old Greek had no more right to them, than a modern Yankee has," and he accuses classical writers of forming these tales "into shapes of indestructible beauty, indeed, but cold and heartless."

[Download to continue reading...](#)

A WONDER BOOK FOR GIRLS & BOYS (non illustrated) Wonder: La historia de JuliÃ¡n (The Julian Chapter: A Wonder Story) (Spanish Edition) Non Fiction Writing Templates: 44 Tips to Create Your Own Non Fiction Book (Writing Templates, Writing Non Fiction, Kindle Publishing) Horses:

Kids Book of Fun Facts & Amazing Pictures on Animals in Nature - A Perfect Horse Book for Girls and Boys aged 7-12 (Animals of The World Series) The Best of Boys' Life: For All Boys- Celebrating the Centenary of the Founding of the Boy Scouts of America Summary - The Boys In The Boat: Novel By Daniel James Brown -- An Amazing Summary! (The Boys In The Boat: An Amazing Summary-- Audible, Audio, Audiobook, Summary, Novel, Paperback,) Pam Allyn's Best Books for Boys: How to Engage Boys in Reading in Ways That Will Change Their Lives Boys, Girls & Body Science: A First Book About Facts of Life Asking about Sex and Growing Up: A Question-And-Answer Book for Boys and Girls Parenting Book: 50 Tips on Building Your Child's Self Esteem (Raising Girls, Boys, Potty Training Toddlers to Teenage Kids) Child Rearing & Positive Discipline - Psychology & Development in Children Why Boys and Girls Are Different (Learning about Sex) The Aeneid for Boys and Girls PARENTING: Single Parenting For Moms: A Guide in Raising Your Family and Being a Successful Mom (Parenting, Single Parent, Single Mother, Parenting Boys, Parenting Girls, Raising kids, Healthy child) Parenting For Single Mothers: Being A Good Mom And Raising Great Kids (Single Parent, Single Mom, Parenting Boys, Parenting Girls) Baby Names: Baby Names for Boys and Girls, Baby Name Meanings, and Name Origins! The Curves Collection Big Girls And Bad Boys: The Curve Ball, The Beast Loves Curves, Curves By Design (BBW Romance Collection) Head Over Heels About Gymnastics! Volume 1: Boys & Girls Floor Skills Girls Under Pressure (Girls Quartet, Book 2) The Casquette Girls (The Casquette Girls Series Book 1) Pretty Girls with Pretty Gapes: Some girls need to be stretched

[Dmca](#)