

Greek Myth and Science BOOKS for Kids

- 1) D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths** by [Ingri d'Aulaire](#) (Author) , [Edgar Parin d'Aulaire](#) (Author) (*Considered the gold standard in books on Greek mythology for small children.*)

- 2) The Simon & Schuster Book of Greek Gods and Heroes Hardcover** by [PhD. Barry R. Katz](#) (Foreword), [Alice Low](#) (Author), [Arvis Stewart](#) (Illustrator) (*Another good one though not in the same league as D'Aulaire's. I like having a few different sources for the myths.*)

- 3) The librarian who measured the earth / by Kathryn Lasky ; illustrated by Kevin Hawkes.** Describes the life and work of Eratosthenes, the Greek geographer and astronomer who accurately measured the circumference of the Earth.

- 4) How we learned the earth is round / by Patricia Lauber ; illustrated by Megan Lloyd.** Explains various changes in humanity's beliefs about the shape of the earth, from the flat earth theories of the ancients to the round earth theories which were proven true by the voyages of Columbus and Magellan. Includes some simple experiments that small children can do to demonstrate the thinking of the Greeks when they discovered that the earth is round.

- 5) Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters** by [Donna Jo Napoli](#) (Author) , [Christina Balit](#) (Illustrator) (*I find the writing a bit hokey and too suggestive for very small readers, but not a huge big deal (see first review on Amazon, about this). It's certainly a lush and*

engaging book. It's a National Geographic book and they have added sidebars with maps, factual info, etc.)

6) Hour of the Olympics (Magic Tree House #16) (A Stepping Stone Book(TM)) by [Mary Pope Osborne](#) (Author) , [Sal Murdocca](#) (Illustrator) *(a fictional account of two young people who travel back in time to Ancient Greece. Fun and interesting for kids maybe 5-10 or so. The Magic Tree House series is very popular.)*

7) Magic Tree House Fact Tracker #10: Ancient Greece and the Olympics: A Nonfiction Companion to Magic Tree House #16: Hour of the Olympics by [Mary Pope Osborne](#) (Author), [Natalie Pope Boyce](#) (Author), [Sal Murdocca](#) (Illustrator) *(This is a great little volume about life in Ancient Greece, full of illustrations and photos of sites, artifacts etc. The content is "lite" but is a nice introduction, with some further resources suggested at the back.)*

8) The *Odyssey* of Homer, retold by [Gillian Cross](#) with illustrated by Neil Parker. This is a great treatment of Homers tale of the homecoming and adventures of Odysseus and his men well suited for kids 5-10 or so. The illustrations are especially excellent.