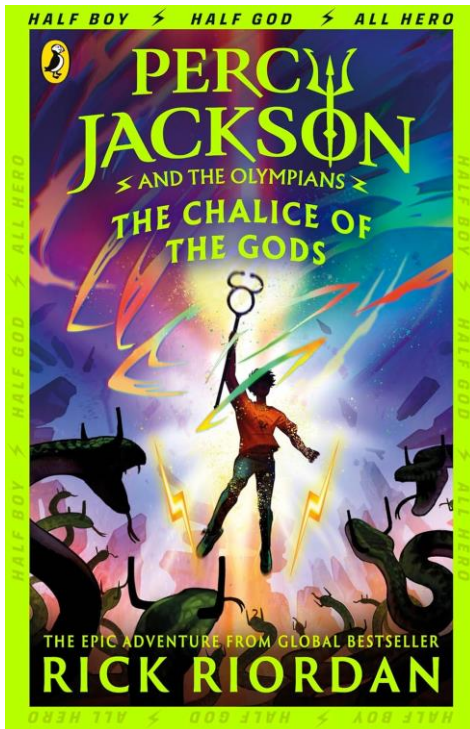


Berkshire Book Award 2025: Longlisted title

Percy Jackson and the Chalice of the Gods by Rick Riordan



Percy Jackson has saved the world multiple times - battling monsters, Titans, even giants - but these days the modern-day son of Poseidon is hoping for a regular final year at school. Too bad the Greek gods have other plans, and three new quests for Percy to complete. First up: the cupbearer of the gods, Ganyমেদে, is missing his golden chalice. Not only is this embarrassing (why do the gods keep losing their magical items?), it's also potentially disastrous. One sip from the cup will turn any mortal into a powerful god. And the old gods do not take kindly to newbies. Can Percy and his friends Annabeth and Grover find the chalice before it falls into the wrong hands? And even if they do, will they be able to resist its awesome power?

Discussion Questions

- Why does Percy reject immortality and what are the drawbacks to eternal life?
- How are themes of growing up and aging explored in this story?
- What fears does Percy confront throughout the story and how does he overcome them?
- How is Percy supported by family and friends?
- How does Greek mythology enrich the storytelling?
- How does the story encourage an understanding of differences like ADHD and dyslexia?