



The Lost Hero

By Rick Riordan

One book that I enjoy reading over and over again is the fantasy novel *The Lost Hero* by Rick Riordan. The first in a 7-book series that mixes the modern world with elements of Greek and Roman mythology, *The Lost Hero* does not disappoint.

The series revolves around 3 teenagers: Jason Grace, who's lost his memory, and two people who claim to be his friends, being Piper McLean and Leo Valdez. On a field trip to the Grand Canyon, an altercation with a storm spirit leads to Jason, Piper, and Leo learning that they are demigods and that each one of them has a godly parent. Pretty soon they are taken to Camp Half-Blood, where they learn of their parentage and embark on a dangerous quest to save a goddess.

Overall, I enjoyed this book. I'm normally not a fan of longer-length books, but *The Lost Hero* kept my attention throughout the entire story. Most books have a somewhat slow start, but *The Lost Hero* keeps a good pace from the very beginning. The characters are relatable despite existing inside of a universe where their lives are far from normal. I especially liked Leo, as his humor helped dilute many of the action scenes, but his character wasn't just reduced to comic relief. When it comes to criticisms, I cannot think of any. I recommend *The Lost Hero* 100%, and it is also a good way to introduce readers to Greek and Roman mythology.

