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From School Library Journal
Starred Review. Grade 5–9—Five myths featuring the Greek goddess are included in this volume. Dialogue is modern ("What's gotten into you, Zeus?" "I wanna bite him!"), while narration, provided by the Fates, retains a more formal tone. A good balance is struck between exposition and action: readers familiar with these stories will enjoy seeing them brought to life with such vigor, while sufficient background is provided so that children reading about the Greek gods for the first time will not find themselves lost at sea. The family tree of the immortals is a useful tool even for the most experienced readers. O'Connor's drawings, full of energetic diagonals and expressive faces, are nicely balanced by spare settings and minimalistic backgrounds. A sophisticated color palette, full of midtones and subtle contrasts, and panel layouts that vary from page to page further distinguish the art. The author's affection for his subject is evident in a chatty note. Profiles of major characters, notes, and discussion questions appear in addition to the usual back matter. An exceptional graphic novel.—*Paula Willey, Baltimore County Public Library, Towson, MD*
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From Booklist
O’Connor kicked off the Olympians graphic-novel series with Zeus: King of the Gods (2010) and now follows up with the story of Zeus’ forehead spawn. Top-notch artwork and design values are used to tell five myths involving Athena, including complementary (or conflicting) stories of how she gained the Pallas moniker along with quick treatments of Perseus and Medusa and the weaver Arachne. O’Connor’s take on mythology is well researched, synthesized, and presented, yet it still maintains a stupendous superhero appeal. The next 10 planned books in the series can’t come out fast enough. Grades 5-9. --Ian Chipman

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“While less unified in narrative structure than the previous book, this nevertheless shares its strengths-a balance between heightened narration and colloquial dialogue, superb graphic storytelling with extended wordless action sequences, energetic backmatter and a palpable fondness for the subject matter. Up next? Hera.” ?*Kirkus Reviews*

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