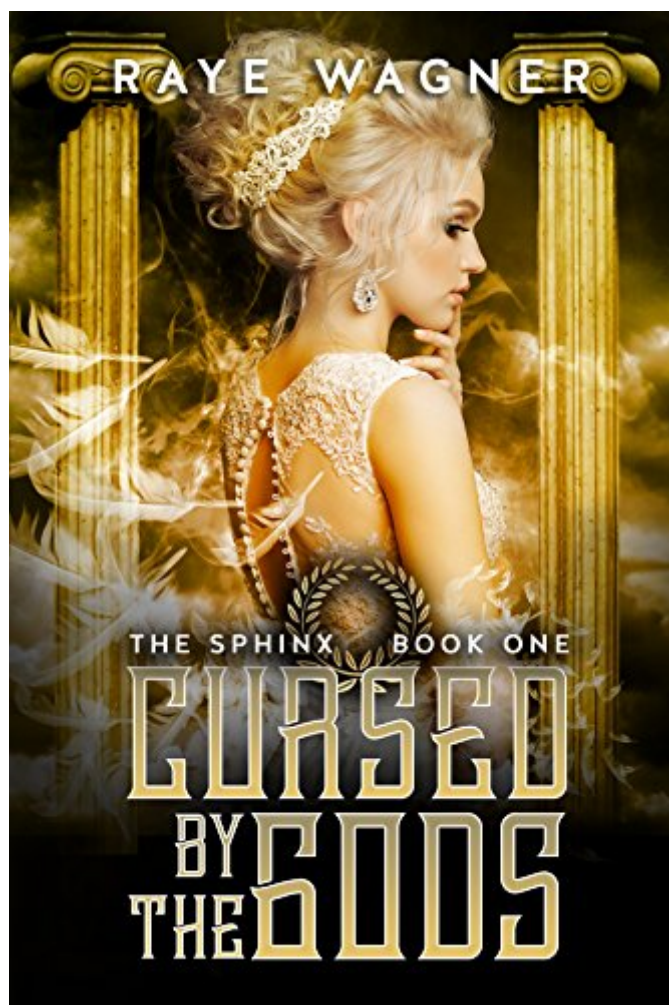


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Cursed By The Gods (The Sphinx Book 1)



Synopsis

Hope has a deadly secret | Hope has spent her entire life on the run, but no one is chasing her. In fact, no one even knows she exists. And she'll have to keep it that way. It's safer. Even though mortals think the gods have disappeared, Olympus still rules. Demigods are elite hunters, who track and kill monsters. And shadow-demons from the Underworld prey on immortals, stealing their souls for Hades. When tragedy destroys the only security she's ever known, Hope's life shatters. Is it the fulfillment of Apollo's curse, or is she being hunted? Forced to hide, alone this time, Hope pretends to be mortal. She'll do whatever it takes to keep her secret safe and her heart protected. But when Athan arrives, her world is turned upside down. With gods, demigods, and demons closing in, how long can a monster stay hidden in plain sight? Join Hope on her unforgettable journey to discover what it means to live and her daring fight to break Apollo's curse. *Previously released as Curse of the Sphinx.* The Sphinx series is filled with Greek gods, monsters, demigods, action and romance. It challenges the concepts of fate, true love, and what defines courage and heroes. This series is perfect for teens or young adults at heart. ****"This book is AMAZING! I read it everywhere. It is the perfect mixture of young love, survival, and mythology."- DELUXE, reviewer "..."

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Customer Reviews

From #stefansreadalong I finally read Curse of the Sphinx by @rayewagnerauthor and it was really awesome!!!! It was a new take on the Greek mythology demigods and the sphinx tale and it was really awesome to see how the first book all plays out. There are some predictability aspects at times but most of the time you are at the edge of your seat wondering who knows what and why. The most fascinating aspect that Raye Wagner put in there was that for a lot of humans in the book still having gods around was not uncommon...it is in fact embraced with mythology classes and curses and such. One of the aspects that really annoyed me was the girl bully and how the main love interest cannot make his mind up.... I know it is real life in that sense but it got a tad annoying after awhile. I would give this book 4.5/5 stars because of these points thank you @rayewagnerauthor for allowing the e book to be free so I could finally read this and I want to read more from this series!!

This is a young adult book with some great new twists on the demigod storyline. If you enjoyed the middle grade books of Rick Riordan, but need something a little more romance filled, this first book in the series is a promising place to start. Hope is a monster. She knows this and labels herself freely. But she's not a Gorgon, siren, or three headed beast. She's the Sphinx. This world is interesting, because everyone accepts Greek mythology as real. They believe in gods and goddesses, demigods, but monsters are extinct. The world accepts these things. Throw in some cool jobs for demigods and monsters bent in hunting and destroying them, and this is incredibly interesting. One star off because in a few places it felt like an important moments were rushed through, leaving a confusing tangle of words or actions. A few scenes were repetitive, too. Still. An enjoyable read.

I loved how the story was cohesive... the end brings you right back to the beginning. To be honest, I actually struggled a bit with the beginning... complicated/unfamiliar names always trip me up and make me work harder to keep characters apart... but overall the beginning worked nicely to set the stage and commence the world building. As far as I can remember, this was my first greek mythological novel and it felt entirely refreshing. This of course probably has more to do with my lack of being well-read in this sub-genre, but either way, it was an enjoyable story. There were definitely places that could have used polishing (cut out some teen angst, make fewer stupid mistakes, etc), but nothing that entirely destroyed the experience for me.

Curse of the Sphinx gives us a world where the gods of ancient Myth reign over the modern society. Greek gods and goddesses, demigods, and Skia - Hades' answer to demigods - roam the globe, mixed into human society. Monsters existed once as well but most believe they're gone. Eradicated long ago. They're wrong. Hope is monster, the descendant of the Sphinx of lore, and that puts her life in constant danger. Her life is lonely, painful, and cursed with only her mother and honorary aunt to trust. Losing them could mean losing herself. Athan is a god. Well, demigod if you want to get technical. He's handsome, popular, talented, and interested in Hope. Too bad for him, her mother warned her never to let anyone - especially handsome boys - in to her life. Unlucky for her, he's a persistent pain in the...he's not one to quit. I enjoyed this book and need to get my hands on Demigod's and Monsters thanks to the cliffhanger ending. My only complaint is that I would have liked more than two chapters narrated by Athan.

In Curse of the Sphinx we meet Hope. Hope is cursed because once a month she turns into a sphinx and as a result does not have a normal teenager's life. I'm not going to lie, as a person with anxiety her life rocks. An excuse not to socialize in high school? Heaven to my ears. Anywho...Hope is frustrated with the secrets and the frequent moves. And then it happens. She moves to a town where there are more secrets and suddenly gods, demigods, monsters and ensuing chaos occurs. I really enjoyed the first installment in this series. I have always been interested in Greek mythology and this series brings a lot of mythology to the story. The writing is good. I was a little confused in the beginning of the story but it all quickly fell into place. Then I stayed up way past my bed time (I'm 43 I need my sleep) to finish the book in one sitting. Fans of YA fantasy-type genres will enjoy this book. I mean, come on, there is a sphinx, smoking hot demi-gods, monsters, adventure, angst, and all around yummy goodness. I cannot wait to read the second book but alas I must sleep. Thank you Miss Wagner for writing a delightful story in Curse of the Sphinx.

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