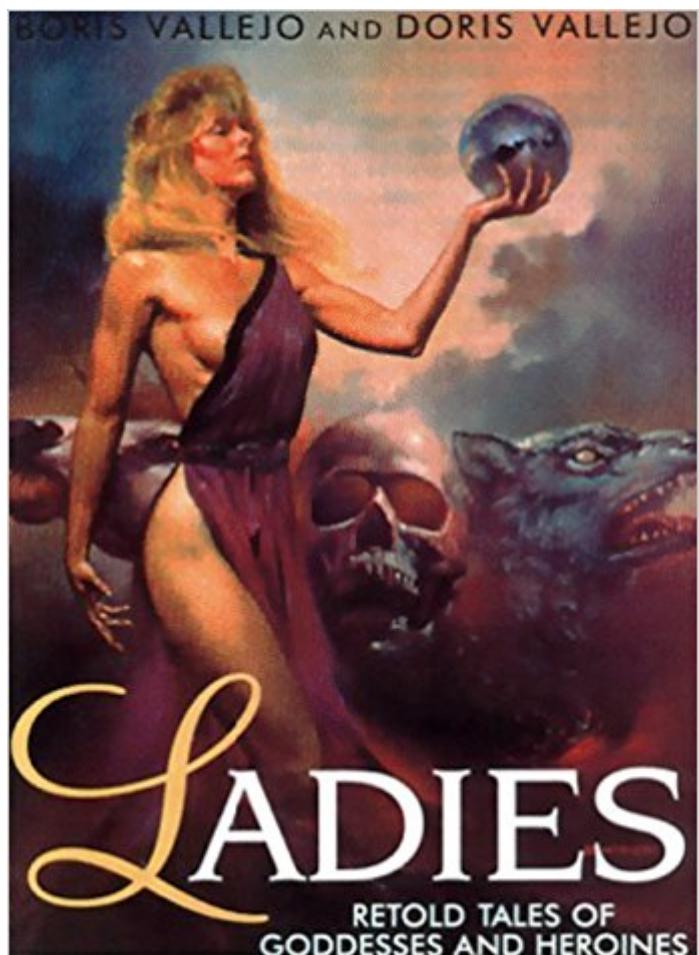


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Ladies: Retold Tales Of Goddesses And Heroines



Synopsis

In *Ladies*' ten signature paintings and numerous drawings, Boris Vallejo depicts the magic time when goddesses roamed the earth; they are the perfect accompaniment to Doris Vallejo's poetic and chilling retelling of ten classic tales. This is myth transfigured by a modern sensibility: retelling mythic tales from the points of view of the goddesses, heroines, sorceresses, princesses, wives, and daughters. Readers see Persephone, condemned by a god's adoration to live six months of each year in the kingdom of death; the Gorgon, a great beauty transformed into monstrosity by her own longing to be loved; Apollo's mortal bride, Coronis, left behind each time her godly husband returned to the heavens; and Pandora, who discovered knowledge no mortal was meant to have and paid the price.

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Customer Reviews

If you know a little about mythology it will be interesting to read about the same tales in the point of view of the goddesses. I liked the story from the eyes of the gorgons especially. But if you are looking for a great collection of art by Boris Vallejo, I suggest getting yourself "Mirage" or "Fantasy Art Techniques". "Ladies" only has about 10 colored paintings and maybe 20 pencil drawings. The paintings aren't nearly as beautiful as in his other books. (but you may like them more if you are interested in mythology) Many of the figures have big 80's-looking hair that just doesn't look good. (as do several figures in "Dreams") They do not look well-planned. But if you are a fan of Boris Vallejo, you should get this book to add to your collection.

I have been a life long fan of the fantasy art of Boris and Doris Vallejo. I have purchased most of their yearly calendars and numerous collections of their incredible and beautiful art. This volume (Ladies: Retold Tales of Goddesses and Heroines) is a little different than their other art collections in that it focuses on ten ancient tales taken from Greek and Roman mythology. In this respect, this book has more written material than their art topics. Their unique approach to these stories make them an interesting read. There are also a few beautiful drawings to accompany the ten stories; however, the flaw in this book are the slim number of drawings in this text. I was used to their fantasy art book collections which had numerous fantastic drawings. The tales of Goddesses and Heroines include the following: Persephone, Gorgon, Adriadne, Coronis, Deianira, Medea, Circe, Eurydice, Arachne and Pandora. In conclusion, if you are a fan of Boris and Doris Vallejo's fantasy art collections you might want to check out this interesting book. Rating: 4 Stars. Joseph J. Truncale (Author: The Samurai Soul: An old warrior's poetic tribute)

and fan of mythology. Watched Hercules and Sword and Sandel movies as a boy in the 60's and read comics so a collection of stories and art on the subject is a must for me. Would have liked a couple more drawings, but would still give this a 4.5 if I could.

Personally, I am not a big fan of retellings of myths. Generally, I find that a lot of the structural meaning of the myths are lost in such retellings. Perhaps a large part of the problem is that I tend to read myths differently than most people. Having said this, this book retells the myths in some fairly impressive ways, adding a great deal of the author's sense of humanity to them. These are not the old mythic tales but are better seen as new written stories based on the old tellings. The stories are well done. The artwork is also amazing. I would give this 5 stars here and recommend this for anyone looking at new stories based on the old myths.

Ladies: Retold Tales of Goddesses and Heroines arrived yesterday Tuesday March 11, 2014. I have glimpsed through this book and I am happy with my purchase choice. Ladies: Retold Tales of Goddesses and Heroines makes a great addition to any book collection.

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