



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Hidden Oracle By Rick Riordan Reviewed by Ali Chaudhry

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Grade: 7th

Book Title: The Hidden Oracle

Author: Rick Riordan

Number of Pages: 361

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 4/5

Character List:

- **Apollo** - The god of the sun, poetry and now a teenage boy named Lester Papadopoulos. In *Blood of Olympus*, Zeus banished Apollo down into the mortal world to help fix what he messed up. Apollo's son Octavian helped summon the evil goddess Gaea, and Zeus wanted Apollo to learn his lesson.
- **Meg** - Apollo and Meg meet in the beginning when Meg protects Apollo, and now they have a close bond. But Meg has a very dark secret that only she knows about.
- **Percy Jackson** - The main hero in the previous Percy Jackson books, Percy has a small role in helping Apollo and Meg Mccaffrey in their journeys to Camp Half Blood.
- **Peaches** – Peaches is a cute, adorable and vicious little monster. Peaches only listens to Meg Mccaffrey and will kill anyone who dares harm or annoy his beloved master.
- **Chiron**- Chiron is a father or mother figure for all demi gods. He is the owner of Camp Half Blood and he helps mentor and train all demigods that come to Camp Half Blood for guidance. He helps Apollo realize who he is and what he needs to do to save the oracle.

Review:

After the events of *Blood Of Olympus*, Apollo wakes up in a trash can in New York City. But, instead of being Apollo, he is Lester Papadopoulos - a normal teenage boy with flab and acne. He meets Meg Mccaffrey when he is being mugged and she protects him. Together, they journey to Camp Half Blood with the help of none other than the son of Poseidon himself, Percy Jackson! After the two of them reach Camp Half Blood, Apollo notices that some of his own sons and daughters are going missing. To help stop this, he goes to the Groves of Dodona and tries to find them, where he realizes his enemy Nero had someone working on the inside the entire time, a close friend of Apollo. Nero is planning on taking over the Groves of Dodona!

This novel is an amazing read for people looking for a new great Percy Jackson book. It is even more hilarious than the last one, *Blood of Olympus*, thanks to the input of Apollo on mortals and his flab! However, I do not like how this book does not feel like a "real" Percy Jackson book. This book does not have the feel of a page turner. In Rick Riordan's previous book, he had a variety of great characters that made his books more enjoyable. *The Hidden Oracle* lacks this element – it focuses on only Meg and Apollo. I soon became tired of this book, but there were some elements that made

me continue reading this novel. For example, it gives you a big laugh at some points when Apollo had to relate with being a mortal. Also the main objective is quite important in the story and I really wanted to find out how it ended. Readers will probably still enjoy this book, but keep in mind it does not quite reach the high standards previously set for Rick Riordan.