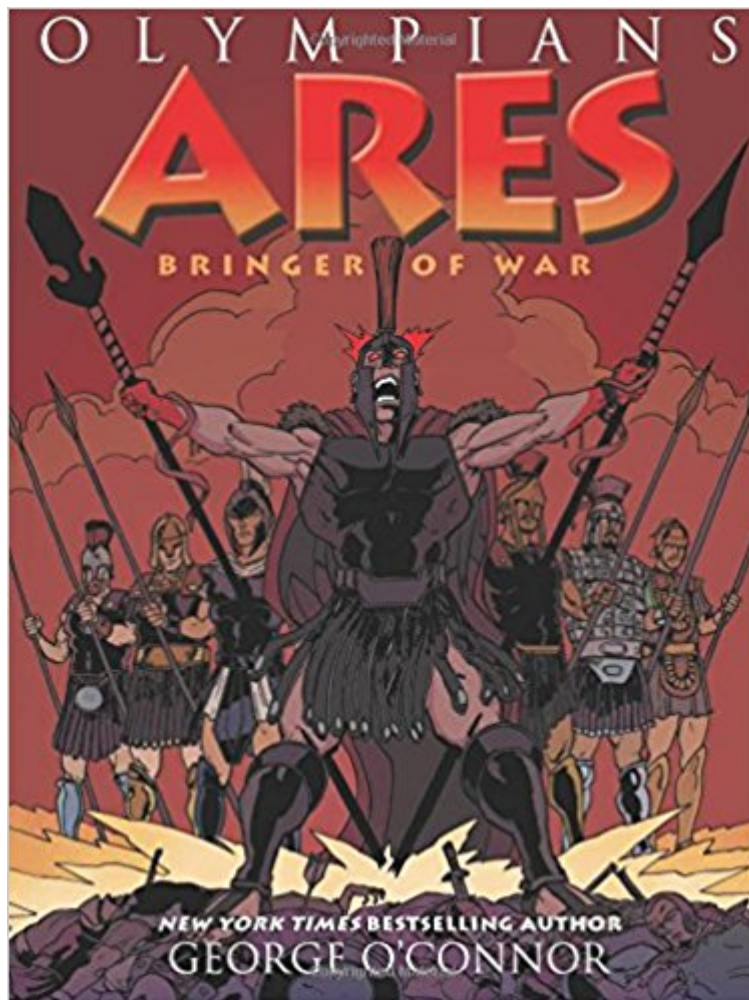


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# Ares: Bringer Of War (Olympians)



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**A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER**The myth continues in the tenth year of the fabled Trojan War where two infamous gods of war go to battle. The spotlight is thrown on Ares, god of war, and primarily focuses on his battle with the clever and powerful Athena. As the battle culminates and the gods try to one-up each other to win, the human death toll mounts. Who will win this epic clash of power? And how many will have to die first? This title has Common Core connections.

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confrontations between the dueling sides. The mostly scarlet-tinged color scheme is in perfect tune with the raging, bloodthirsty god of war's modus operandi. The author's extensive notes amusingly explain connections to *The Odyssey*, *The Aeneid*, and the series' previous works. VERDICT This expertly executed graphic novel will have fans anxiously awaiting even more adventures of mythological proportions. —•Shelley Diaz, School Library Journal

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Amazing. We own every one of the Olympians book. We're big George O'Connor fans. I wish for 2 things. 1) That George O'Connor would do a yearly drawing workshop at my local Brooklyn comics books store. He is such a natural teacher and we had a blast when he did a workshop to introduce the collection a couple of years ago. I also wish .com would allow people to subscribe to winning collections such as this so I don't have to check every 6 months to see if the new book has come out!

For me, I think this is the best book of the series so far since it precisely talks about the illiad and we

could clearly see how the gods interact with each other. And there's a lot of action, even though it's not my cup of tea, but in this case, it's worth it!!!

Another great story for my 8 year old grandson to enjoy. He will read them cover to cover multiple times and explain to me, who is who and what their "powers" are. Definitely a big hit with him.

Absolutely love this series of books. Our son has been a slow reader but graphic novels + mythology has been a winner. He's totally captivated, as are mom and dad! Always excited for the next in the series to come out.

My son loves this series...each time one of the books is announced, he requests that I purchase it for him. He has been reading these books for years, and still loves them.

My 4th grade students loved these books; I think the font size is a little small but they never complained.

My children are very fond of O'Connor's Olympians series. I enjoy them, too. Nice art, fine stories, and a humane, insightful take on the Greek myths.

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