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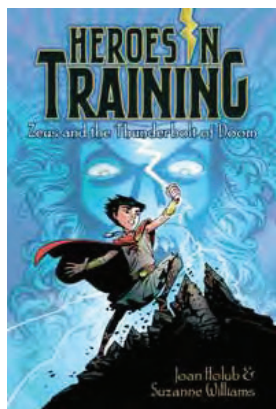
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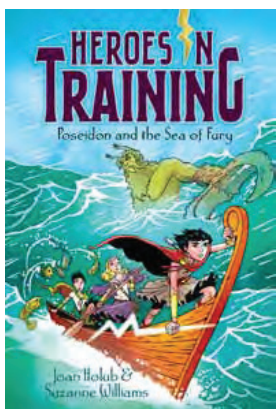


THE HEROES IN TRAINING SERIES

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#1 ZEUS AND THE THUNDERBOLT OF DOOM

For 10-year-old Zeus, life on the Greek island of Crete is mega boring. Except for stormy days when sizzling lightning bolts chase him around. He's been zapped dozens of times! And each time, a voice whispers to him: You are the one. What could it mean? He'd like to escape those pesky electric shocks. And he also longs for adventure. With the help of the annoying Bolt and a talking stone amulet, young Zeus sets off on the adventure of a lifetime: a journey to find his destiny as king of the gods.



#2 POSEIDON AND THE SEA OF FURY

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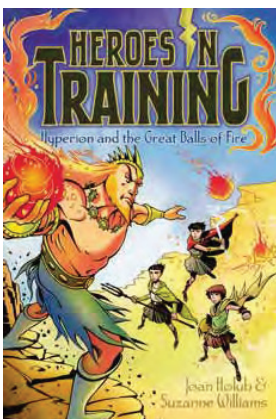


#3 HADES AND THE HELM OF DARKNESS

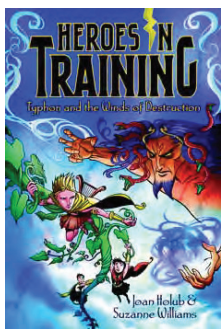
The Heroes in Training are entering the Underworld. The Underworld usually isn't really meant to be a fun place – but tell that to Hades! He loves the dark and the stinky smell of sulphur. However, there is one thing that Hades is not a fan of: dogs. And when Zeus and his fellow Olympians encounter Cerberus – a snarling, three-headed dog – Hades must conquer his fears and tame the hound so everyone can continue into the Underworld and deposit their Titan prisoner, Oceanus, back where he belongs!

#4 HYPERION AND THE GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

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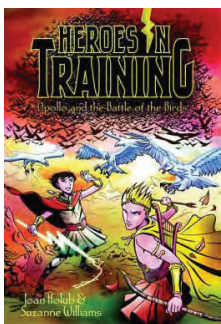


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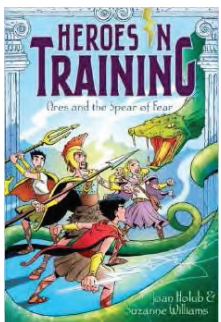
#5 TYPHON AND THE WINDS OF DESTRUCTION

After battling fireball-throwing Titans, the young Olympians find themselves on a double quest: Not only must they find more Olympians that Cronus has swallowed, but they're also in search of magic seeds that will help rejuvenate the earth after the terrible drought that plagued the lands, thanks to Hyperion. But a wind-throwing giant named Typhon has other ideas. Can the Heroes in Training withstand the storms that are coming their way?



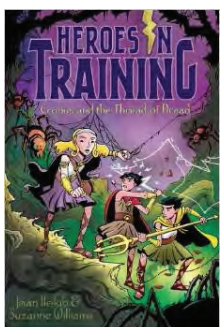
#6 APOLLO AND THE BATTLE OF THE BIRDS

After a horrible drought, Zeus and his fellow Olympians are determined to help restore the land as they try to figure out their current mission, to find a special shield called an aegis. Thanks to some grateful villagers, the Olympians find the armor they need. But they are suddenly swarmed by birds—thousands of killer, scary birds. And when a mysterious boy appears in the chaos, it looks like he might be more connected to the Olympians than they think. Is he friend... or foe?



#7 ARES AND THE SPEAR OF FEAR

After overcoming many challenges, Zeus and his fellow Olympians arrive at the temple at Delphi—only to find a giant snake guarding the entrance! Beyond the python, Pythia appears. Trapped in the temple by the python's magic and mere presence, Pythia urges the Olympians not to worry about her, for they are urgently needed on another quest. The Olympians are now out to find the Spear of Fear. A group of Amazonian women currently have it, but it really belongs to Ares, the God of War.



#8 CRONUS AND THE THREADS OF DREAD

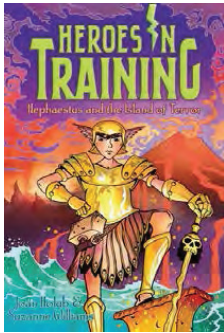
A giant spiderweb in the sky with the words "Surrender Olympians" shows Zeus and his friends that they are in for another battle. Dodging the silky and sticky webs, the Olympians find themselves scattering in all directions to avoid getting caught. But those dangerous webs actually contain a hidden gem—Athena's magical object.



#9 CRIUS AND THE FRIGHT OF NIGHT

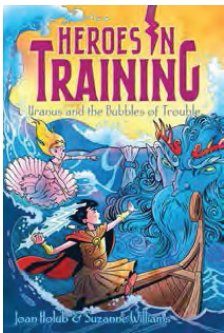
Zeus and the Olympians are off to find Apollo's twin sister, Artemis, who was captured by the Cronies and separated from her brother. But Titan Crius, who rules the area, has Artemis under a special spell that is making her sleep, which doesn't make a rescue easy! Can the Olympians manage to sneak away from Crius and save a sleepy Artemis, or are they in for a tough awakening?

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#10 HEPHAESTUS AND THE ISLAND OF TERROR

The Olympians set out for the island of Lemnos. There they meet Hephaestus, the leader of the island who they quickly realize is actually one of them—the Olympian they were meant to find. But Hephaestus isn't so sure he wants to leave with the Olympians. After all, life is pretty good on Lemnos. Hephaestus suggests that if he does choose to go with the Olympians, he could be their leader. But what about Zeus? Not everyone is convinced he is still up for the job...



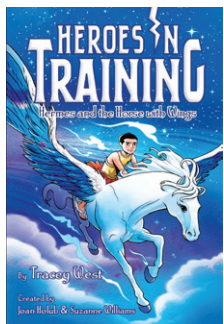
#11 URANUS AND THE BUBBLES OF TROUBLE

The Olympians find themselves in the middle of a battle between two big-time Titans. On Cronus's orders, Titan Oceanus dives into the sea and causes it to turn even stormier. Zeus throws his thunderbolt high and causes a huge battle in the sky between the Titans. As Uranus's stars begin to fall in the ocean, the huge splash makes a wave of bubbles that heads for the shore of the island where the Olympians and their ship are trapped. And Zeus has a feeling those bubbles mean trouble...



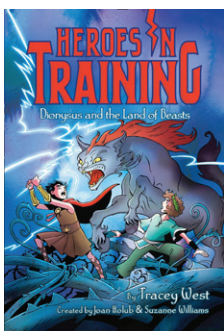
#12 PERSEUS AND THE MONSTROUS MEDUSA

Perseus and the Olympians face off against the Monstrous Medusa in this *Heroes in Training* adventure.



#13 HERMES AND THE HORSE WITH WINGS

When Hermes starts to fly, Zeus knows they have found another Olympian for their group—and Hermes lets Zeus know their next adventure will be to “find the force that sings.” Since Pythia never tells them exactly the right words, they figure out that they are supposed to find “the horse with wings.” With the help of a reluctant Hermes and another new boy named Ron, the Olympians are off in search of a winged horse—with a few surprises along the way!



#14 DIONYSUS AND THE LAND OF THE BEASTS

Zeus and his friends discover another Olympian who might be able to help in their quest to defeat King Cronus in this *Heroes in Training* adventure.

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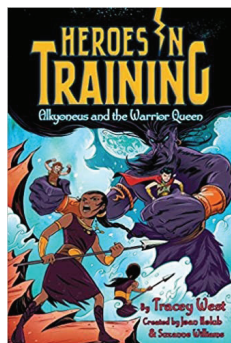
#15 ZEUS AND THE DREADFUL DRAGON

Zeus and his friends try to free Briar, Kottos, and Gyes from Tartarus so they can finally beat Cronus once and for all in this *Heroes in Training* adventure.



#16 HERCULES AND THE NINE-HEADED HYDRA

Since defeating the Titans, Zeus and his fellow Olympians have taken over Mount Olympus. Things are nearly back to normal...until a stranger named Hercules shows up, asking for help. He's on the run from Eurythseus, King of Argon, who is after Hercules for egging his temple. Before Zeus can help, Eurythseus himself appears. It turns out that Hercules has also been bragging that he is the ruler of Olympus, and Eurythseus intends to declare war on the Olympians' new home. Zeus's friends come up with an idea—maybe Hercules could make up for egging Eurythseus's temple. The Oracle Pythia reveals that in order to do this, Hercules must get a scale from a huge, nine-headed serpent—the Hydra. Will this be enough to please Eurythseus? Or is another battle on the horizon for the Olympians?



#17 ALKYONEUS AND THE WARRIOR QUEEN

Zeus and Hercules may have gotten a scale from the nine-headed hydra, but that isn't enough for King Eurystheus to forgive Hercules for egging his temple. For their next task, the Oracle Pythia reveals that, to make Eurystheus happy, they have to get the golden belt from the queen of the Amazons—a band of warrior girls. Although the Amazons are friendly enough, there's just one problem...they think that boys are stinky! And Hercules hasn't been great at getting people to like him. But before they even reach the Amazons, they are caught by the awful giant Alkyoneus. He has seven daughters to feed, and the boys would make for a perfect snack. Can Zeus and Hercules escape his clutches and get the belt in time? Or will they end up in hot water?



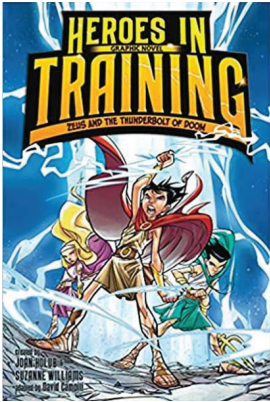
#18 ZEUS AND THE SKELETON ARMY

Zeus and his fellow gods-in-training face a new challenge in the underworld when they attempt to capture Cerberus—the three-headed guardian and cherished pet of Zeus's brother Hades. But they find themselves up against even more than they anticipated when they have to face off against Melinoe and her skeletal minions.

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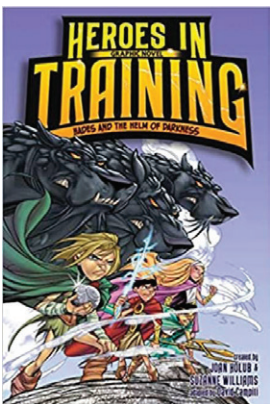
#1 ZEUS AND THE THUNDERBOLT OF DOOM

Ten-year-old Zeus is mystified (and annoyed) by the fact that he keeps getting hit by lightning. Every. Single. Year. Still, it's by far the most interesting thing that happens to him. He's never been far from the cave where he grew up and is beginning to think he'll never have a real adventure. But Zeus gets his wish—and a lot more than he bargained for—when he is kidnapped by dangerous, giant Titans! In a scramble for a weapon to defend himself, Zeus grabs an actual thunderbolt from a stone. Its incredible power keeps the Titans at bay, and its mysterious markings lead Zeus on a quest to rescue his fellow Olympians from the evil Cronus. Armed with his trusty thunderbolt (named Bolt, of course), Zeus is on an adventure of a lifetime—and a journey to fulfill his destiny as King of the Gods.



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#4: HYPERION AND THE GREAT BALLS OF FIRE

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