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The Flying Wondrous Horse: Stories From the Greek Mythology [(Sus haPele HaMeufef: sipurim meamitologia hayevanit) סיפורים מן המיתולוגיה היוונית :סיפורים על פלא המעופף]

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General information	
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Nira Harel is a prolific Israeli author and editor. She was the editor of children's journal ("Pilon") and of children's books and also wrote more than 50 children's books. Nira was raised in Tel Aviv and later she worked as a teacher. She was the editor of children's books and well as an author. She won several rewards for her work.

Picture taken from the Author's [website](#) (accessed: July 2, 2018), courtesy of Nira Harel.

Sources:

Official [website](#) (accessed: July 2, 2018).

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Additional information

Summary

The book offers a selection of stories with pictures which present the rich world of the classical Greek mythology to young Israeli readers, in a clear and simple language. The book opens with a short introduction of Greek mythology. It also contains a glossary for the different characters at the end.

The stories which appear in this book are:

- *What is Mythology?*
- *The Pomegranate Seed*
- *The Fire Thief*
- *Midas' Golden Touch*
- *The King has Donkey Ears*
- *The Narcissus Flower*
- *The Amazing Winged Horse*
- *The Sun's Chariots*
- *The Amazing Hosts*
- *The Perfect Statue*
- *The Daphne Tree*
- *Profound Love*
- *The Head of Medusa*
- *The Labyrinth*
- *The Most Beautiful Woman in the World*
- *The Punishment*
- *The Twelve Labors*
- *The Enchanting Musician*
- *Glossary: Whom Did We Meet in the Mythological Stories?*

Analysis

In an interview with the author (November 2016)*, she explained her decision to write the book *Sus haPele HaMeufef* (*The Flying Wondrous Horse*). She said it was a commitment she made to herself, following a book of Greek mythology stories she read as a teen. That book had a great influence on her since through this book she discovered the world of Greek mythology. When she became an author herself, she decided to adapt the stories anew. Since its initial publication, she says, her book, *Sus haPele HaMeufef* was printed over and over through the years. Regarding her choice of stories in the book, she said that she picked the ones she herself liked in her youth. She

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Further Reading

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