

Your Name: Ruqayya (Year 11)

Book Title: Medusa: The girl behind the myth.

Author: Jessie Burton



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NARRATIVE: (What's the story?)

The story is about a girl who was cursed by the Gods, falls in love. Just as she begins to love herself and work up the courage to reveal her true identity to her first love, she finds out that the real reason he is here is to kill a monster, and that monster is her.

STRENGTHS: (What did you like?)

How it ended differently to the myth and showed a journey of self-love and acceptance. Character development was written well, and it felt real rather than a basic re-telling. It was hard to put down once the plot and pace picked up.

WEAKNESSES: (What did you not like?)

In places it felt a bit long and repetitive. The poetic expression of the book could be annoying at times, and sometimes the book just needed simplicity. It took a while (50+ pages) to pick up in terms of the story. Also, the images didn't match up with the page sometimes which disrupts the flow.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Nicely written with a modern twist.

WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THIS BOOK? **YES.**

STAR RATING:

