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## Chronicle Books Mythos Hardcover (ISBN-10: 1452178917)

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Instruction Manual for the Hardcover Edition

## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides an overview and guidance for engaging with *Mythos*, a modern collection of Greek myths retold by Stephen Fry. Published by Chronicle Books, this hardcover edition offers a fresh and engaging perspective on classical Greek mythology, suitable for both newcomers and seasoned enthusiasts. The book aims to present these ancient tales with clarity, wit, and emotional depth, making them accessible and enjoyable for a contemporary audience.

## 2. ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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**Stephen Fry** is an acclaimed writer, comedian, actor, and director. Known for his distinctive wit and erudition, Fry brings his unique storytelling ability to the world of Greek myths. His extensive background in literature and performance enriches the narrative, transforming complex mythological sagas into compelling and humorous stories.

## 3. CONTENT OVERVIEW

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*Mythos* systematically retells the foundational stories of Greek mythology, beginning with the creation of the universe and the primordial deities, progressing through the rise of the Titans, and culminating with the Olympian gods. Fry's narrative style maintains the original wonder of the myths while infusing them with modern language and humor. The book includes:

- Detailed accounts of gods, goddesses, heroes, and mythical creatures.
- Explorations of key events such as Pandora's box and Prometheus's fire.
- Classical artwork and learned notes that provide rich cultural context.

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The Greek Myths Reimagined

Figure 3.1: The front cover of the *Mythos* hardcover edition, featuring intricate artwork and the author's name.

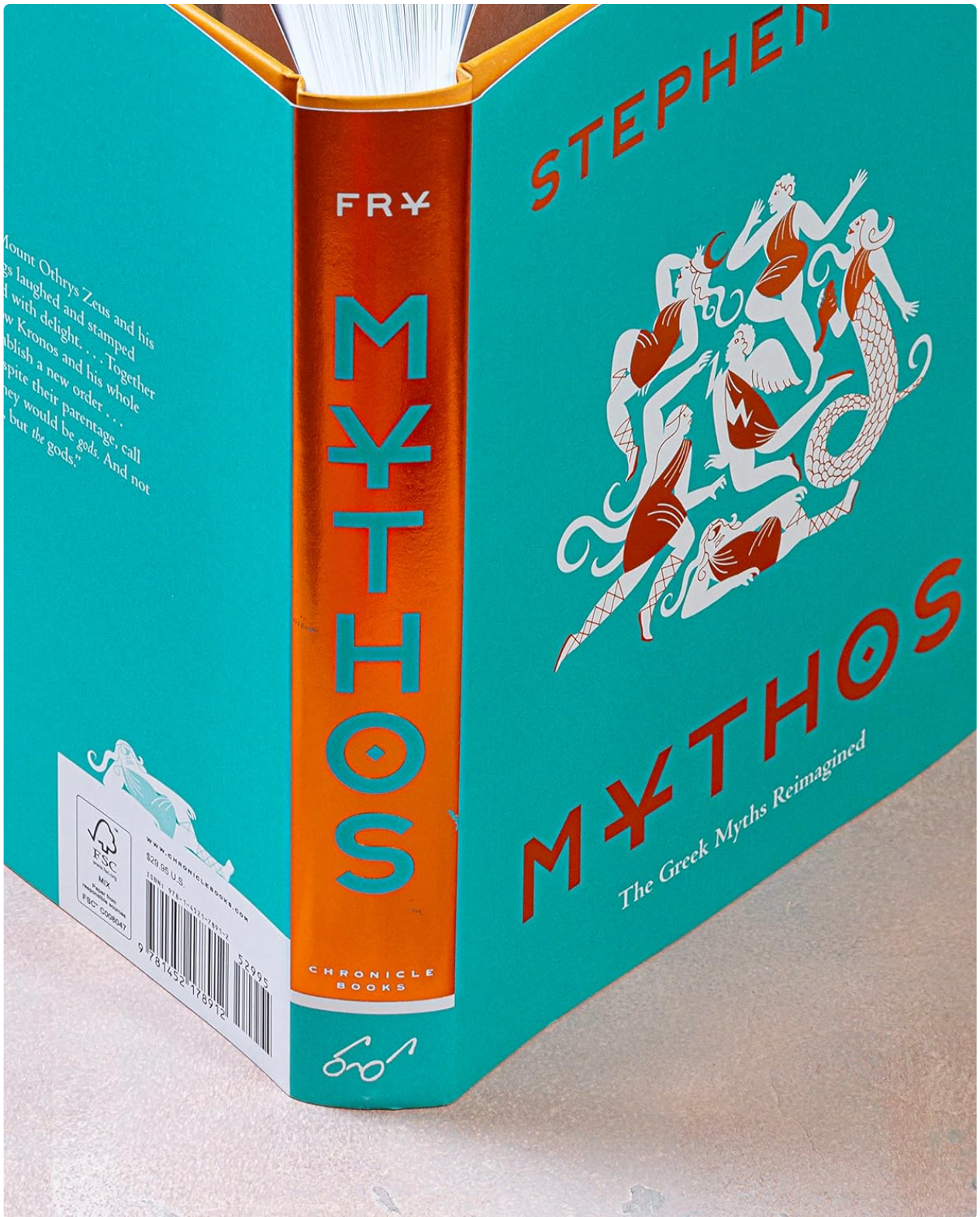
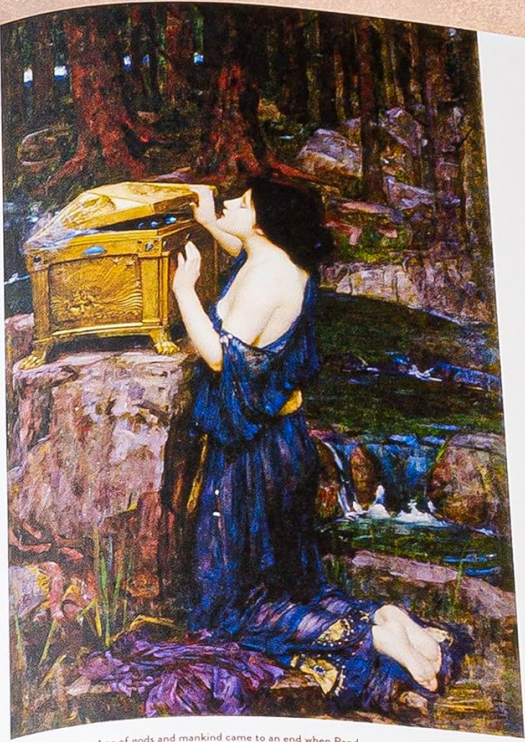


Figure 3.2: The spine and back cover of the book, showcasing the design and additional details.



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**Figure 3.3:** An interior page displaying text alongside a classical illustration depicting Pandora opening her box, releasing various elements into the world.

## THE TWELFTH GOD

Everything about Hermes was quick. His mind, his wit, his impulses, and his reflexes. The gods of Olympus, already flattered by the fine savory smoke that had risen to their nostrils the previous night from Mount Cyllene, were entranced by the newcomer. Even Hera presented a cheek to be kissed and declared the child enchanting. He was on Zeus's lap and pulling at his beard before anyone had noticed. Zeus laughed, and all the gods laughed along with him.



For the messenger of the gods, Hephaestus fashioned what would become Hermes's signature footwear, the talaria—a pair of winged sandals.

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Figure 3.4: An interior page featuring text and an image of a classical depiction of Hermes, the messenger of the gods.

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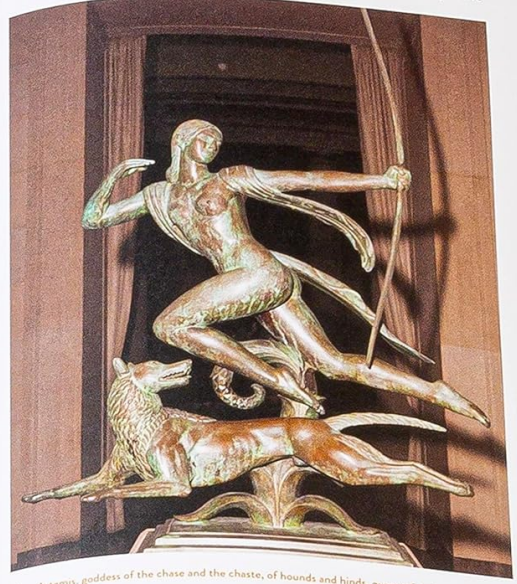
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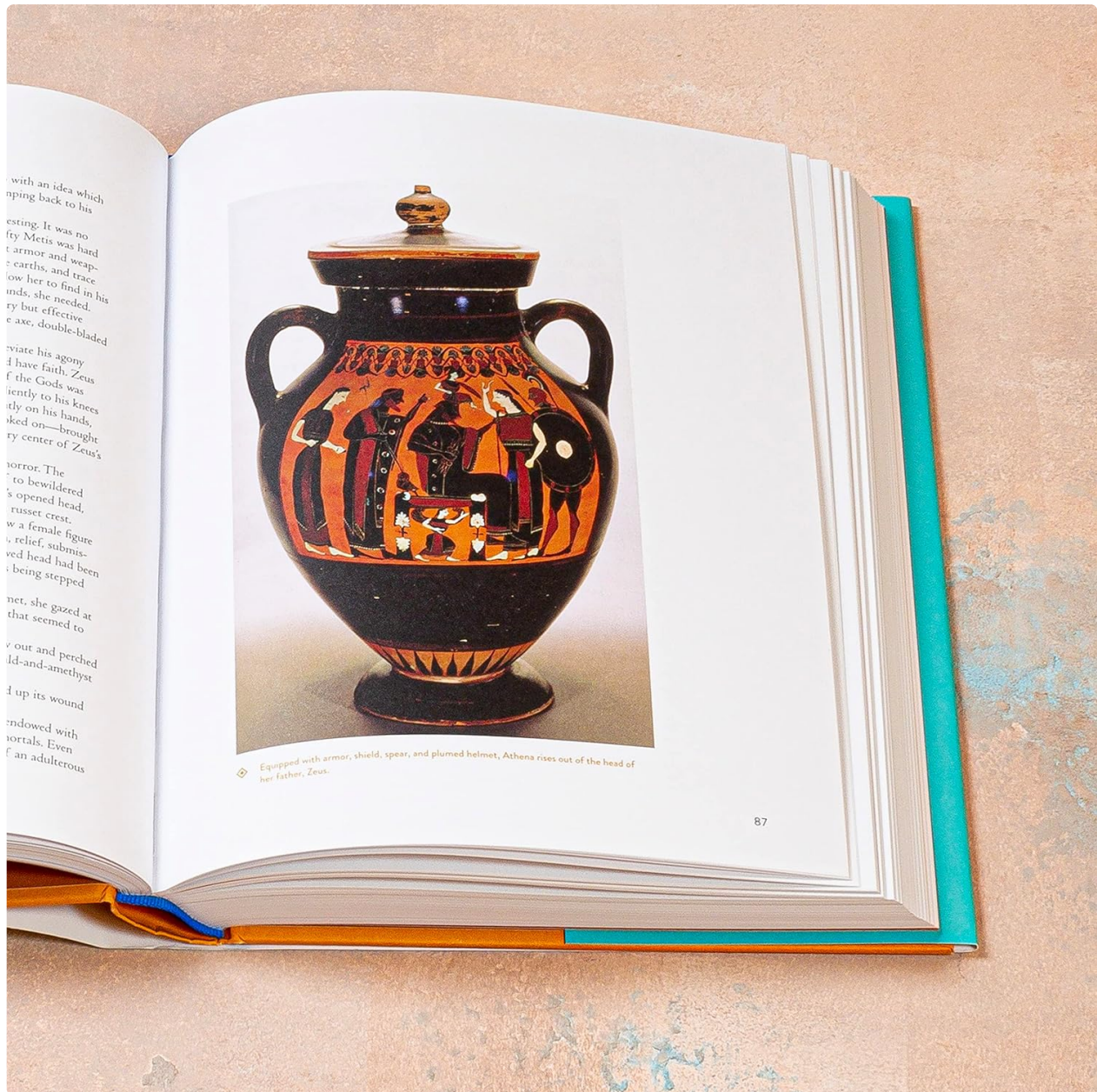
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Zeus granted every wish. How could he not?  
Goddess of the chase and the chaste, of the untutored and the untamed, of  
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of archers and huntresses grew to value her independence and her celibacy above



Artemis, goddess of the chase and the chaste, of hounds and hinds, queen of archers and huntresses

Figure 3.5: An interior page with text and a classical statue of Artemis, goddess of the hunt, with a hound.



**Figure 3.6:** An interior page featuring text and a classical vase painting depicting the birth of Athena, emerging from Zeus's head.

## 4. BOOK SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Publisher</b>	Chronicle Books
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<b>Dimensions</b>	7.75 x 1.45 x 9.6 inches

## 5. READING AND ENGAGEMENT

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To fully appreciate *Mythos*, simply open the book and begin reading. The narrative is structured to guide the reader through the mythological timeline. Readers are encouraged to:

- Read chapters sequentially to follow the chronological progression of myths.
- Pay attention to the author's notes and integrated artwork for enhanced understanding and context.
- Engage with the humorous and insightful commentary provided by Stephen Fry.

## 6. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity of your *Mythos* hardcover book:

- Store the book in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight to prevent fading and warping.
- Handle with clean hands to avoid transferring oils and dirt to the pages and cover.
- Avoid bending the spine excessively to preserve its structural integrity.
- Use a bookmark instead of folding pages to mark your place.

## 7. TROUBLESHOOTING

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As a physical book, *Mythos* does not typically require troubleshooting in the technical sense. If pages are damaged or missing upon receipt, please contact the retailer or publisher for assistance.

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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## 9. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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For those who enjoy *Mythos*, Stephen Fry has authored other books in his Greek Myths series, including *Heroes* and *Troy*, which delve into further aspects of classical mythology. These can be found at major booksellers.

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