

***The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller**

As a fan of Greek Mythology, this book has been on my "To Read" List for many years. I had heard tales of its romance, its stunning descriptions of the Trojan War, and its heart-wrenching ending. I am here to report that this story did not disappoint!

Miller brings this ancient Greek world to the modern era by placing the reader right in their war camps. The story is narrated by the soft-hearted Patroclus, an exiled prince and minor character in Homer's *Iliad*, usually mentioned only in connection to his partner, the famed Achilles. Readers follow Patroclus and Achilles from their time as boyhood friends, to sworn companions trained by the centaur Chiron, to romantic partners on the battlefield of the Trojan War.

Madeline Miller paints these young men in touching details. Despite the fantastical interplay of gods, humans, and legends, their struggles feel real rather than the stuff of myth. Their love and respect for each other never wavers despite social expectations, political interference, and public scorn. After every page, the reader will wish for the romance they have, making their ends all the more devastating. Fans of Greek mythology will fall in love with this modern retelling of the love that changed the course of the Trojan War.