

ABOUT THIS BOOK



ATHENA: GREY-EYED GODDESS is the second book in **OLYMPIANS**, a new graphic novel series from First Second that retells the Greek myths. This is the story of one of the most powerful of the Greek goddesses, Athena. She is the goddess of wisdom, peace, warfare, strategy, handcrafts, and reason.

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1** Perseus had to have a lot of courage to hunt down Medusa. What's the bravest thing you've ever done or ever seen someone else do?
- 2** A lot of the names in this book will sound familiar; for example, Titan and Arachne. What other things can you think of that have names similar to characters in Greek mythology?
- 3** The gods and goddesses in this book have powers like changing shape, throwing lightning bolts, and foretelling the future. Which of these powers seems like the best? Which would you most like to have? Is the answer to those two questions the same?
- 4** In many ways, Athena and the other characters are like superheroes. What superheroes can you think of that are similar to the characters in Greek mythology?
- 5** Athena's story is narrated by the three Fates, who can see the future. They know everything before it happens. If the Fates know everything that happens in the future, does Athena still have to act to bring the future about? What happens if she sits and does nothing?
- 6** In the story of Arachne, Athena deals with her anger at Arachne by turning her into a spider. Is this a good way to deal with conflict? Are there better animals to turn Arachne into?
- 7** Very few people believe in the Greek gods today. Why do you think it is important that we learn about them?

