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# Book Review

Title The Song of Achilles

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*I give this book 5 stars!*



5 stars – *Whoaza! Ridiculous! Crazy! I could not put this book down!*

4 stars – *Gotta love it! I really liked it.*

3 stars – *So good! I really liked it.*

2 stars – *Yeah Ok but, I didn't really like this book much at all.*

1 star – *Are you kidding me? I definitely would not recommend this one to my friends!*

*Write a brief review of this book to "sell" it to others.*

*Keep the spoiler alert in mind!*

If you enjoy Classical history, and love stories that pull at your heartstrings, this is the perfect book for you. Set in Ancient Greece and based in Greek mythology, The Song of Achilles illustrates the often looked over love story of Achilles and Patroclus, and leaves no reader with dry eyes. Historical fiction novels can often be bland - like reading a textbook rather than a novel - but this book has the informative, factual history of the era, and characters you can fall in love with. The historical facts are presented like prose, illustrated beautifully with vivid imagery and heart-wrenching plot developments. Even if you know the glossed-over love story of Achilles and Patroclus, this book is still a must, as it takes a love story and turns it into a breathtaking, visceral masterpiece. If you are a fan of Ancient Greece, especially the Trojan War, this book has it all. The historically accurate tale of the Trojan War and its soldiers - on both sides - is told not through the statement of facts, but through the heartbreaking journeys of the characters that most are familiar with - including Odysseus, Ajax, Menelaus, Paris, and so on. If you happen to know nothing about Ancient Greece or Greek mythology, but do happen to know a thing or two about love stories, this novel is also for you. Without revealing too much plot, the story of Patroclus, a young boy who has been banished by his father, and Achilles, the son of King Peleus, whom Patroclus meets while boarding in the home of King Peleus, is exciting, gentle, heart-stopping, tear-inducing, and heartbreaking. It is a truly unique love story, and a tale that many who believe to knowledgeable about Classical Greece do not know. This Ancient Greek love story of Patroclus and Achilles is guaranteed to make you sigh deeply, grin widely with watery eyes, bite your nails to their beds, and let loose a few tears, and is most definitely a life-changing read.