



TEEN SERVICES COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

The Hammer Of Thor By Rick Riordan Reviewed by Connor Doyle

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Grade: 8

Book Title: The Hammer Of Thor

Author: Rick Riordan

Number of Pages: 459

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Magnus Chase** - Magnus is a teenage einherjar who recently found himself dead. Yes, dead. Contrary to his atheist beliefs, he found himself as a son of a Norse god, Frey, and is obligated to stop Ragnarok, or doomsday in Norse mythology.
- **Samirah al-Abbas** – Samirah is a young Norse Valkyrie, daughter of Loki, who was responsible for bringing Magnus to Valhalla after he died. The two are close companions and go on their quests together.
- **Alex Fierro** – Alex is a gender fluid einherjar, also a daughter of Loki, whose main skill is shapeshifting. She refuses to accept Loki as her father for his devious deeds, so she takes his power and uses them as her own.

Review:

Magnus Chase is on another adventure, following *The Sword of Summer*. After delaying Ragnarok once, Magnus Chase isn't ready to do it again. Unfortunately, fate has no mercy. Magnus, Samirah, and Alex are on a mission to find Thor's hammer. The deceptive Loki has stolen it, and knew just what to do to take advantage of their situation. The hammer has fallen into the hands of the earth giant Thrym. To get back the hammer, Samirah must marry Thrym and receive that hammer as a marriage gift. However, Magnus must also bring Thrym a bride price, the key to Loki's plan. The bride price was the Skofnung Sword with the Skofnung Stone, the only way to cut Loki's bonds of punishment for all his bad deeds. The crew of kids, along with a helpful elf and dwarf, travel all over the Nine Worlds for information and a way to keep Loki imprisoned and get Thor's hammer. On the wedding day, Alex and Samirah switch places because of Alex's ability to resist Loki. The three kids, and recruits, take down the giant and get back Thor's hammer. However, Loki succeeds in breaking out of his bonds and is now on the loose!

Author Rick Riordan likes to write with a continuous flow of the story, lacking many flashbacks. The author is an expert on many mythologies, and is popular for combining historical mythology with the modern day. The adventure story is great, and any flaws in the mythology are created for the flow of the novel. Rick Riordan is the only author that brings together mythology and a modern day twist to this level! Teens of all ages will love this book for its wittiness and sarcastic characters.