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Mity greckie dla dzieci
[Greek Myths for Children]

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(1964–)



Born in 1964 in Warsaw. Obtained her first degree at the College of Education at the Institute of Teacher Education in Warsaw (1985). In 1985–1990 studied theology at the Theological Faculty of the Academy of Catholic Theology in Warsaw (graduated with honours). She also studied Polish philology at the University of Warsaw and graduated in 1992. Since 1995, she wrote several articles and books on methodology, literature and teaching of Polish language. From 1997 to 2000 cooperated with educational magazines for children and teenagers “Cogito” and “Victor,” publishing articles on language and interpretation of modern poetry. At the same time, she started to collaborate with the publishing house RM and wrote many educational books for teachers and students, like *Jak analizować poezję na maturze* [How to Analyze Poetry at the High School Final Exam], 2000; *Gramatyka dla gimnazjalistów. To proste* [Grammar for Middle School Students. It’s Simple], 2003; *Czytanie ze zrozumieniem dla licealistów* [Reading with Understanding for High School Students], 2004. Author of two novels for teenagers (the series *Klub Muszkieterek* [Girl Musketeers Club], 2006–2007), a collection of fairytales for children, and poems for the youngest: the series *Poznajemy przyrodę* [Getting to Know Nature], 2006; *Cyferkowo — kraina wesółych cyferek* [Numberland — the Land of Jolly Numbers], 2011; *Alfabetciaki, czyli wesota rodzinka od A do Z* [Alphabet Guys or a Cheerful Family from A to Z], 2012. She is also the author of an innovative textbook

Bajki ortograficzne [Spelling Fairytales], 2005, which combines a spelling course with fairytales, two dictionaries for children, and biographical novels, like for example *Janusz Korczak. Lekarz o złotym sercu* [Janusz Korczak. A Physician with a Heart of Gold], 2011; *Kobieta, która stała się legendą. Opowieść o Marii Skłodowskiej-Curie* [The Woman Who Became a Legend. The Story of Maria Skłodowska-Curie], 2011. Since 1992 Nożyńska-Demianiuk has been directing an educational institution “Polonista,” providing courses for children and teenagers designed to prepare them for Polish language exams.

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Genre: Time–travel story.



Summary: Kacper is a little boy who decides to be strong and brave while his parents are out. But it is very hard when you are all alone in a new house at night, when everything is strange and scary. He goes to the attic with the intention to stay

there until his parents return. He quickly falls asleep but a strange noise wakes him up. He realizes that he is not alone. His mysterious companion is a small wood nymph who “jumped” out of a book called *Mythology of the Greeks and Romans*. Kacper is fascinated by his new friend and her strange book and decides to help the nymph find her way home. She takes him to the Mount Olympus and shows the boy the amazing world of ancient gods and heroes.

Classical themes: The myths of Chaos, cornucopia, Zeus, Apollo, Midas, Athena, Prometheus, Pandora, the myth of flood, the story of Ariadne’s thread, the myth of Daedalus and Icarus, Narcissus, Aphrodite, Pygmalion, Sisyphus, Orpheus and Eurydice, the story of king Oedipus, the myth of Europe.

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