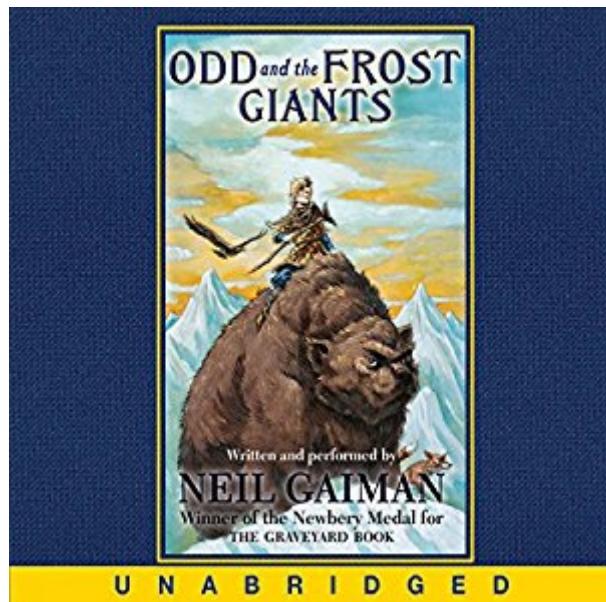


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# Odd And The Frost Giants



## **Synopsis**

Odd's luck has been bad so far. He lost his father on a Viking expedition, his foot was crushed beneath a tree, and the winter seems to be going on for ever. But when Odd flees to the woods and releases a trapped bear, his luck begins to change. The eagle, bear and fox he encounters reveal they're actually Norse gods, trapped in animal form by the evil frost giants who have conquered Asgard, the city of the gods...Can a twelve-year-old boy reclaim Thor's hammer, outwit the frost giants and release the gods? With Neil Gaiman's wit and style, this story transcends the everyday and becomes a humorous, rich and layered tale of a life lived courageously. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The first word that comes to mind when I think of this story is 'charming'. It has the feel of an old world myth or fairy tale. Odd isn't a disgruntled, angry youth like so many of the characters in current YA novels. He's just a quirky kid with a quick mind who loves his mother. I know, that doesn't sound like the makings of a fun adventure story full of talking animals, mischievous gods and frost giants, but that is exactly what it is. Odd's quirkiness, intelligence and humor are exactly what make the story work. The fact Odd has to puzzle out problems in order to achieve his goals, makes this a great story for parents to read to their young children. There's no horrible violence, none of the animals gets hurt, and it doesn't take itself too seriously. I especially enjoyed Odd's reasons for believing ice imprisons rainbows. It's cute and clever and adds to the magic of the story without the need for wizards in pointy hats. If you enjoy Norse myths and are up for a more

light-hearted take on coming of age stories, 'Odd and the Frost Giants' is worth picking up. It's a short, happy tale to read during a gray winter day.

This was such a charming, whimsical story. I almost held off on buying it since it's a little on the short side, but when I saw the price was \$1.99, I found it hard to resist. I'm really glad that I gave in and got it because it's a wonderfully offbeat little story. I love how Odd "beats" the Frost Giant (it's non-violent). I really don't want to spoil the fun for future readers, so I won't say any more. Grab a copy of this one and read it with someone you love, whether they're young or just young-at-heart. I'm a young-at-heart reader and I loved Coraline and I loved this little story, too. Gaiman is fantastic at telling whimsical YA tales.

Fun to read: the good guys all win, and the bad guys aren't too bad to stand. Four stars because the accompanying audiobook has annoying mood music in the background which makes the words difficult to understand.

Odd and the Frost Giants was the perfect follow up story for my son after reading Fortunately the Milk. While my son is only three, he was able to follow this chapter book and enjoyed the story and imagery of Odd and his encounters with the Frost Giants. However, older kids will love the story line and moral on a much deeper level. I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys mythology or fantasy.

Gaiman did an amazing job of weaving a new fairy tale or sorts using the classical style. It didn't feel cheap or shallow or underdeveloped like many young adult books tend to. It's a simple story but a very good one and a reminder to all writers that you don't need complex storylines to tell a good tale. The book becomes doubly good with its austerity plus it doesn't at all hurt that the characters are amazingly well-crafted. Odd is a good hero for children of the modern age since he's still the kind of boy that many of us can imagine becoming. Plus he's a very strong individual despite his disability, his size and of course his age, and he doesn't let any of that stand in his way. It makes him all the more endearing and not from an "against all odds" kind of inspiring way but more along the lines of a kid doing what he does best to succeed - being a kid. This is a very easy read for adult readers and a healthy one for younger audiences. I can't imagine anyone not enjoying this book for what it is.

Neil Gaiman's fairy tales are the best! Creative and exciting, ground breaking and insightful, they cover the scope of human nature and question what exactly that means. I highly recommend anything Gaiman writes.

This is a great short book for kids, young adults and adults too, especially if you like Norse myths. I like the "Odd" character and how he relates to the people and animals in his world. Would be a fun book to read aloud to kids.

This was a book club selection for our homeschool middle-grades club, and my 11 year old daughter really loved it. She has always enjoyed Norse mythology, and the characters and story followed in Odd and the Frost Giants was familiar to her without being predictable or boring. Neil Gaiman is an amazing author with great books for every age range, and this one was another solid story told with real heart and great characterizations.

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