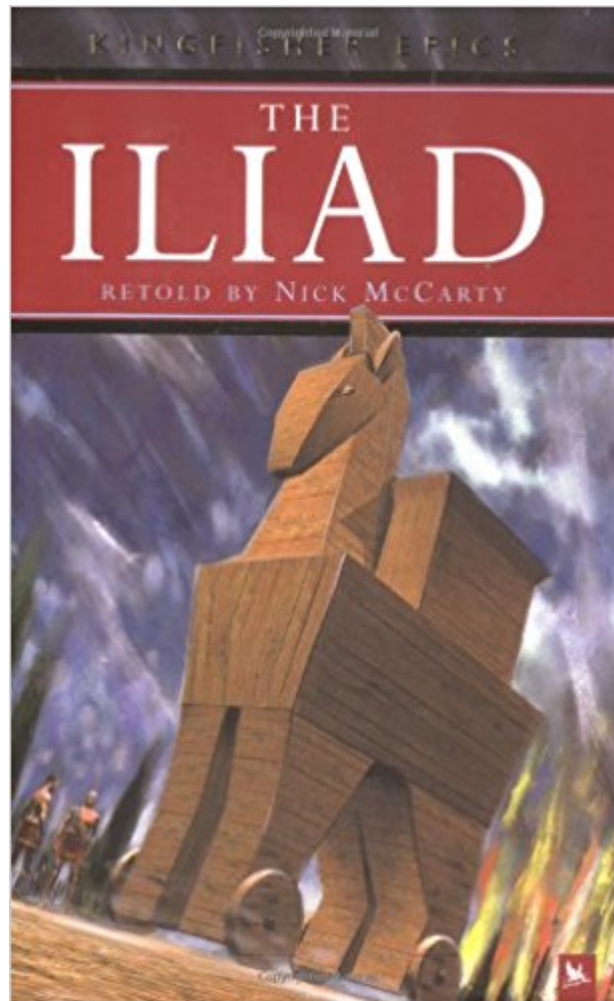




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# The Iliad (Kingfisher Epics)



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Grade Level: 3 - 5

## Customer Reviews

Science Daily If you are interested in a modern recording of an ancient classic, then I would recommend this without reservation. After listening to Lombardo, he has won me over and I'm a big fan. Rating: 5 out of 5 stars

Nick McCarty is a playwright and scriptwriter whose credits include *The Wolf Road* and series for UK television. Nick has written many plays and book adaptations for radio. Victor G. Ambrus illustrated James Herriot's *Dog Stories* for St. Martin's Press and *The Illiad* for Kingfisher.

Great book!! am ten years old and think it is very easy to read but with good language. I don't understand how someone couldn't like it. Anyway great book and I hope more people like it. It's a lot of fun!!

Excellent

This book is easy to read. I bought this for some students who would not enjoy reading the Iliad otherwise.

This is a great primer for the epic poem. I enjoyed this version of the Iliad-much easier to get through all the battles and fighting!

I thought perhaps a children's version would be a good way to do a 'cliff notes' summary of the Iliad - but this was the WRONG book to use. You needed a full knowledge of all mythological figures to follow as well as very disjointed story. Would not recommend.

I realize The Iliad can be a difficult read, even in a good English translation. And I realize that adaptations are necessary for younger readers. But this adaptation is not well-written at all. The prose is wooden, more a recitation of events than the retelling of a great story. My sixth grader was assigned this version to read at home. My wife and I agreed that it's not engaging at all. No wonder kids don't want to read the classics, if this is the kind of introduction they get.

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