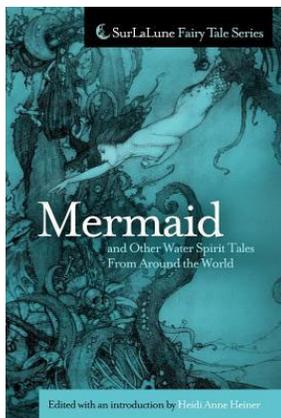


# Week 4: Ocean Mythology

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## Books for Adults



**DB 81731 *Mermaid and other water spirit tales from around the world: folklore about mermaids and other merfolk* by Heidi Anne Heiner**

Annotation: This collection gathers over 150 folktales, fairy tales, and ballads from around the world about mermaids and other water spirits, together with information on their history. Includes examples of the earliest scholarship on mermaids and similar creatures. Violence. 2011.

**DB 104942 *The last odyssey* by James Rollins**

Annotation: In the frozen tundra of Greenland, a group of climatologists and archaeologists uncover a medieval ship buried a half mile below the ice. Inside are priceless treasures, including a clockwork map that traces the path of Odysseus's ship after leaving Troy. It also reveals the entrance to Tartarus. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020

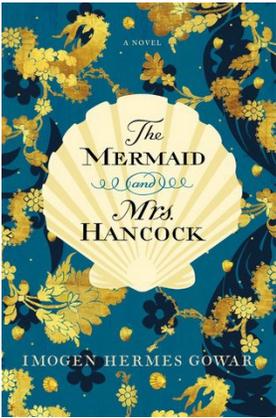
**DB 80796 *Jason and the Argonauts* by Apollonius**

Annotation: Translation in verse of Ancient Greek poem detailing the voyage of the hero Jason and his crew, the Argonauts--including Heracles and Orpheus, as they search for the Golden Fleece at the directive of King Pelias. They encounter treachery of all kinds, both from mortal and immortal foes. Some violence. 2014.

**DB 98952 *Sharks in the time of saviors* by Kawai Strong Washburn**

Annotation: In 1995, seven-year-old Hawaiian boy Nainoa Flores falls overboard on a ship. He is rescued by sharks, which his family believes marks him as favored by the gods. But as time passes, this supposed divine favor begins to drive the family apart. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2020.





**DB 93081 *The mermaid and Mrs. Hancock* by Imogen Hermes Gowar**

Annotation: 1785. Merchant Jonah Hancock is shocked when one of his ship's captains returns home with the news that he sold the ship for the mummified remains of a mermaid. All of London wants to see the wonder, and Jonah finds himself engaged in a perilous liaison. Contains some descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

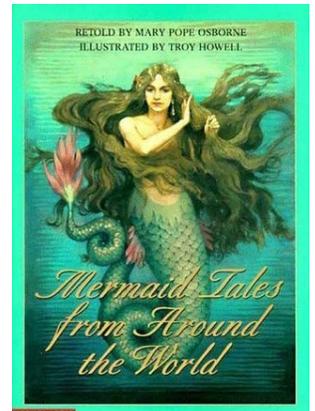
**DB 54582 *Folklore and the sea* by Mystic Seaport Museum**

Annotation: A collection of maritime traditions, legends, beliefs, and superstitions about shipbuilding, weather, mermaids, sea monsters, specter ships, and related topics. Includes a selection of songs and chanteys. 1973.

### Books for Youths

**DB 38698 *Mermaid tales from around the world* by Mary Pope Osborne**

Annotation: A collection of twelve water maid tales from a wealth of different cultures and times. The author notes that mermaids, unlike other women in folklore, are universally portrayed as fierce, strong characters. Includes the French "Mystery of Melusine," the Irish "The Enchanted Cap," the Nigerian "The Fish Husband," and Japanese, Persian, German, Greek, and Native American legends. For grades 3-6 and older readers.

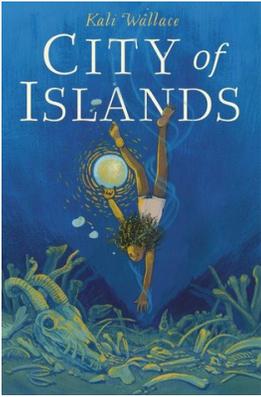


**DB 83297 *Mocha Dick: the legend and fury* by Brian J. Heinz**

Annotation: The original great white whale, first spied off the coast of Chile in 1810, becomes a prime target for whalers as he thrashes about the Pacific and achieves legendary status. For grades 2-4. 2014.

**DB 86573 *Moana* by Suzanne Francis**

Annotation: In the ancient South Pacific, Moana, a born navigator, sets sail in search of a fabled island. She teams up with the legendary demi-god Maui, and they encounter enormous sea creatures and more. Adaptation of the Disney film version. For grades 2-4 and older readers. 2016.



**DB 92029 *City of islands* by Kali Wallace**

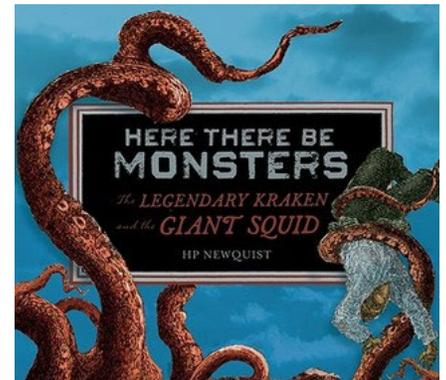
Annotation: Orphaned and now a diver for the powerful Lady of the Tides, young Mara makes a startling discovery of magical bones on the ocean floor. The reward she expects doesn't materialize, and, instead, Mara is tasked with uncovering where the bones' origin. For grades 6-9. 2018.

**DB 87073 *Jason and the Argonauts: the first great quest in Greek mythology* by Robert Byrd**

Annotation: A recounting of the legend of Greek hero Jason, the gifted Argonauts, and their dangerous quest to retrieve the magical Golden Fleece--said to have been sent by the Gods of Olympus. For grades 3-6. 2016.

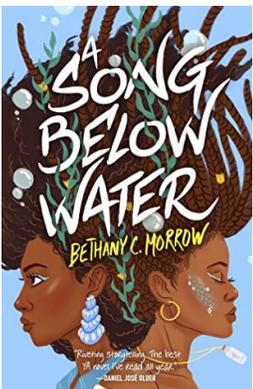
**DB 72615 *Here there be monsters: the legendary kraken and the giant squid* by H. P. Newquist**

Annotation: Traces human knowledge of enormous sea creatures from Greek myth and sailor's tales to Melville and Verne's literary works and scientific evidence slowly gathered from around the world. Describes modern technological advances that enable marine researchers to probe the ocean depths for these elusive colossal squid. For grades 5-8. 2010.



**DB 55978 *Water: tales of elemental spirits* by Robin McKinley**

Annotation: Six stories about fabulous creatures associated with water. In "Mermaid Song," by Peter Dickinson, orphan Pitiabile Nasmith is beaten by her miserable grandfather, Probity Hooke, until the day she rescues an injured sea-child and thereby saves herself. For grades 6-9. 2002.



**DB 100195 *A song below water* by Bethany C. Morrow**

Annotation: In a society that persecutes sirens, Tavia struggles to hide her powers. Meanwhile, her best friend, Effie, is fighting against literal demons from her past. But everything changes in the aftermath of a siren murder trial that rocks the nation. Some violence. Commercial audiobook. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

**DB 64659 *The sea of monsters: Percy Jackson and the Olympians, book 2* by Rick Riordan**

Annotation: Upstate New York, 2006. Seventh-grader Percy, son of Poseidon and a mortal, learns that Camp Half-Blood is in danger. He and his friends undertake a perilous journey into the Sea of Monsters to save their beloved camp. Sequel to *The Lightning Thief* (DB 63443). For grades 5-8. 2006.

