



Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the *Rick Riordan Myths & Legends Resource Pack*. Whether your students are fans of Rick Riordan's previous novels or have enjoyed the two Percy Jackson films or are looking for their next exciting read, this pack will help them to explore the latest adventure, which brings the gods, monsters and characters of Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Norse mythology vividly to life. It also allows students to be creative, whether in the classroom, in the library or at home.

WHAT IS COVERED IN THE PACK:

This pack is designed around encouraging students to **read** and **respond** to the text, offering opportunities for **creative writing, research** and **group discussion**.

The activities can be used independently or as a take-home task for students to complete as they read through the book, or could form the basis for a classroom activity. Where appropriate, each sheet highlights the chapters that are relevant to that activity.

SKILLS:

The skills that students will develop from this pack include: creative writing and composition, group discussion including listening and responding constructively, and retrieving and presenting information from non-fiction texts.

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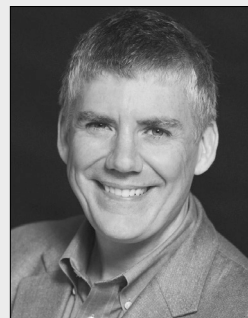
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About Rick Riordan:

Before starting to write, Rick worked as a teacher, and got the idea for his Percy Jackson series of books from talking to his pupils and children about Greek mythology. The Percy Jackson books have since become some of the most popular titles for children in the last few years, and are being adapted as a series of films. Rick now concentrates on writing full-time and lives with his family in the USA.





WHICH CAMP?

To complete this pack, you can choose to represent one of four camps – Greek, Roman, Egyptian or Norse – mirroring the worlds of Rick Riordan’s electrifying series of books. In the Percy Jackson series, half-boy half-god hero Percy Jackson contests with the gods and monsters of Ancient Greece. In the explosive spin-off series, Heroes of Olympus and Trials of Apollo, we meet Percy’s Roman half-blood counterparts. Readers can find the gods of Ancient Egypt waking in the modern world in Rick Riordan’s third series, The Kane Chronicles. And the Norse gods are preparing for war in the fourth series, Magnus Chase.

If you have already enjoyed the novels, you can choose the camp that corresponds to your favourite Rick Riordan series. Or you can complete the quiz below to see which suits you best!

EVERY HERO NEEDS A WEAPON. WHAT’LL YOURS BE?

- A. A pen that’s a Celestial bronze sword. Surprise!
- B. A gold sword you can also throw a long, long way.
- C. A blade of metallic iron, aka Netjeri.
- D. A blade emblazoned with runes. Fancy.

IT’S FIELD TRIP TIME. WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER GO?

- A. To see the marble statues in the Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art.
- B. An amphitheatre.
- C. Cleopatra’s needle. Even though it’s less needle, more obelisk.
- D. Anywhere you can check out some longships.

SO, POLITICS. WHICH STYLE GETS YOUR VOTE?

- A. Everyone has a vote to decide what to do.
- B. Everyone votes for a representative; they call the shots.
- C. A king or queen rules the country.
- D. A leader appoints a commission to choose the best ones for the task.

FIGHTING WORKS UP AN APPETITE. YOU’LL ORDER?





- A. Ambrosia with a side of nectar.
- B. Pizza.
- C. Bread, meat and fruit for dessert.
- D. Meat. And throw in some goat’s milk mead.

IF YOU HAD TO FIGHT A DEADLY MONSTER, WHO WOULD YOU PICK?

- A. Half man, half bull. Make mine a Minotaur.
- B. Storm spirits that move like . . . well, like the wind.
- C. A beady eyed griffin.
- D. A serpent with a ridged forehead and tapered snout.

SO MANY BATTLES, NOT MUCH FREE TIME. HOBBIES?

- A. Discus.
- B. Chariot racing.
- C. Archery.
- D. Climbing mountains.

 Mostly As GREEKS By Zeus, you’d love the PERCY JACKSON series by Rick Riordan! turn to page 3	 Mostly Bs ROMANS It’s a Roman life for you! You’d enjoy Rick Riordan’s HEROES OF OLYMPUS series. turn to page 13	 Mostly Cs EGYPTIANS Walk like an Egyptian, and read Rick Riordan’s Egypt-inspired series THE KANE CHRONICLES. turn to page 17	 Mostly Ds NORSE No doubt about it, you’re Norse. Try Rick Riordan’s series about MAGNUS CHASE. turn to page 22
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EGYPTIAN GODS



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Extract from the first novel in the **The Kane Chronicles** series,
The Red Pyramid.

When we reached the entrance of the Egyptian gallery, we stopped dead in our tracks. Our dad stood in front of the Rosetta Stone with his back to us. A blue circle glowed on the floor around him, as if someone had switched on hidden neon tubes in the floor.

My dad had thrown off his overcoat. His workbag lay open at his feet, revealing a wooden box about two feet long, painted with Egyptian images.

‘What’s he holding?’ Sadie whispered to me. ‘Is that a boomerang?’

Sure enough, when Dad raised his hand, he was brandishing a curved white stick. It did look like a boomerang. But instead of throwing the stick, he touched it to the Rosetta Stone. Sadie caught her breath. Dad was writing on the stone. Wherever the boomerang made contact, glowing blue lines appeared on the granite. Hieroglyphs.

It made no sense. How could he write

glowing words with a stick? But the image was bright and clear: ram’s horns above a box and an X.

‘Open,’ Sadie murmured. I stared at her, because it sounded like she had just translated the word, but that was impossible. I’d been hanging around Dad for years, and even I could read only a few hieroglyphs. They are seriously hard to learn.

Dad raised his arms. He chanted: ‘Wo-seer, i-ei.’ And two more hieroglyphic symbols burned blue against the surface of the Rosetta Stone.



EGYPTIAN TEAM

Welcome to the Egyptian team! In the third series of books by Rick Riordan, The Kane Chronicles, we are introduced to the world of Ancient Egyptian mythology, and to two new characters, Carter and Sadie Kane. The two children, separated for most of their lives, are brought together when the Rosetta Stone explodes and releases the evil Egyptian god, Set, who imprisons their father.

KNOW YOUR EGYPTIAN GODS

The Ancient Egyptians worshipped over 2,000 gods and goddesses, but some were more important than others. Many of these gods had the heads of animals, unlike the Greek and Roman gods, who looked more like people. Here are some of the gods who appear in The Kane Chronicles. Some of the labels are missing – choose from the ones below to complete the table. If you need help, why not go to www.kanechronicles.co.uk (Hint: look for the section marked 'Egyptian gods').

GOD/GODDESS	DESCRIPTION
Bast	Goddess of cats, women and children. A cat-headed woman, she can be both gentle and fierce. Welcomed in Egyptian homes as goddess of hearth and home.
Geb	God of the earth. He is husband to the sky Goddess Nut and father to Osiris, Isis, Horus, Set and Nephthys. Geb was one of the most important of the gods. His parents were Shu, the god of winds, and Tefnut, the goddess of moisture.
	God of the sky. He is another of the most important gods in the Egyptian pantheon and the son of Isis and Osiris. He is also known as the Falcon god and is believed to have given power to each pharaoh. This god lost his eye fighting Set.
	Goddess of motherhood and love, wife and sister of Osiris and mother of Horus. She recovered Osiris's body and brought him back to life after he was killed by Set.
Nephthys	Goddess of the night. Daughter of Geb and Nut, sister of Osiris, Isis and Set, and mother of Anubis. Nephthys was the wife and female counterpart of Set, but was also a faithful sister of Isis, and helped her to reconstitute the body of Osiris.
Nut	Sky goddess. Wife of Geb and mother of Osiris, Isis, Horus, Set and Nephthys. She gave birth to her children on the five extra days of the Egyptian calendar, defying Ra's decree that she could not bear children during any month of the year.
Osiris	God of the dead, husband of Isis, father of Horus and son of Geb and Nut. Osiris is shown as a bearded man wrapped like a mummy wearing an atef crown. His hands hold a crook and flail, two symbols of power in ancient Egypt.
	God of creation. This god was almost universally worshipped as king of the gods, and appears as a pharaoh wearing the sun disk on his head.
Sekhmet	The lion-headed goddess of medicine and war.
Serqet	Scorpion goddess, thought to have power over venomous snakes and scorpions. A servant of Set, she was a protective goddess with a dark side.
	God of evil, chaos and darkness. Son of Geb and Nut, husband and brother of Nephthys, and brother of Osiris and Isis. He killed his brother Osiris, scattered pieces of his body and plucked out the eye of Horus. Often associated with the colour red.
Shu	God of winds. Father of Nut, the sky goddess, and of Geb, the earth god. Under the edicts of Ra and Ma'at, Shu kept Nut and Geb eternally separated.
Thoth	God of wisdom and writing. He had two forms: the ibis bird and the baboon. He helped Isis bring Osiris back from the dead.

Horus	Isis	Ra	Set
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DISCUSSION

In the Kane Chronicles, Sadie and Carter have to fight some of the Egyptian gods and are helped by others. Which of the Egyptian gods listed above do you think would make the best ally? Which would make the most powerful enemy?



EGYPTIAN LIFE

Ancient Egypt was a fascinating place! To learn more about the civilization, you will work in pairs to research the topics below. Pick one and create a factfile for your fellow group members.

- Life in Ancient Egypt
- The pyramids
- The Sphinx and other famous buildings
- The Rosetta Stone
- Mummies

DESIGN YOUR FLAG



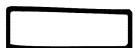

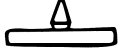





















As representatives of the Egyptian team, you will be participating in a game of 'capture the flag'. First, you will need to design a flag for your team. You can use whichever colours or symbols you prefer – draw it into the worksheet on page 36.

LESSON 1: HIEROGLYPHICS

Objectives: To code and decipher hieroglyphics

Hieroglyphics was the writing system used by Ancient Egyptians to express themselves and communicate with other people. Some hieroglyphs look like birds or strange creatures, while others seem little more than squiggles – but they would all have meant something in the time of The Kane Chronicles.

Egyptians used lots of different hieroglyphs, which were sometimes based on drawings of objects or the sound of particular words. In fact, there may have been several thousand different hieroglyphs, each representing a word, letter or concept. As a result, there are lots of different versions of the hieroglyphic alphabet, but here is one guide to the equivalent letters of our own familiar A to Z.

A 	B 	C 	D 	E 	F 	G 
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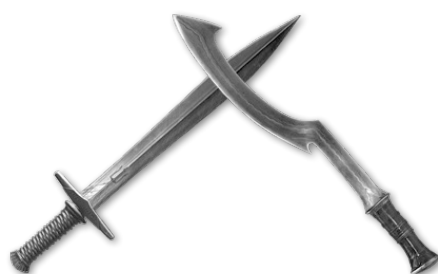
FUN WITH HIEROGLYPHICS

You can use this alphabet to write anything you like. And because only people with the same alphabet will be able to understand your words, it's a great way to write in code! Using our guide to the hieroglyphic alphabet, try writing your name in the space below.

MY NAME IN HIEROGLYPHICS:

Now try using the alphabet to work out what these five words are. They are all connected to The Kane Chronicles and Ancient Egypt.

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	_____
	_____
	_____
	_____



ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES



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CAPTURE THE FLAG!

EXTRACT

Here is an extract from **Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief**.

That night after dinner, there was a lot more excitement than usual.

At last, it was time for capture the flag.

When the plates were cleared away, the conch horn sounded and we all stood at our tables.

Campers yelled and cheered as Annabeth and two of her siblings ran into the pavilion carrying a silk banner. It was about three metres long, glistening grey, with a painting of a barn owl above an olive tree. From the opposite side of the pavilion, Clarisse and her buddies ran in with another banner, of identical size, but gaudy red, painted with a bloody spear and a boar's head.

I turned to Luke and yelled over the noise, 'Those are the flags?'

'Yeah.'

'Ares and Athena always lead the teams?'

'Not always,' he said. 'But often.'

'So, if another cabin captures one, what do you do – repaint the flag?'

He grinned. 'You'll see. First, we have to get one.'

'Capture the flag' is the game played regularly by the demigods at Camp Half-Blood. The different 'houses' form alliances, and students are heavily armed, using military tactics and fighting to capture one of two flags. Instead of a physical contest of capture the flag, as played in Camp Half-Blood, Athena the goddess of wisdom has set you a quest. In the following wordsearch, you will find the answers to all of the questions below. Complete the wordsearch as quickly as possible to capture the flag!

CAPTURE THE FLAG: QUIZ

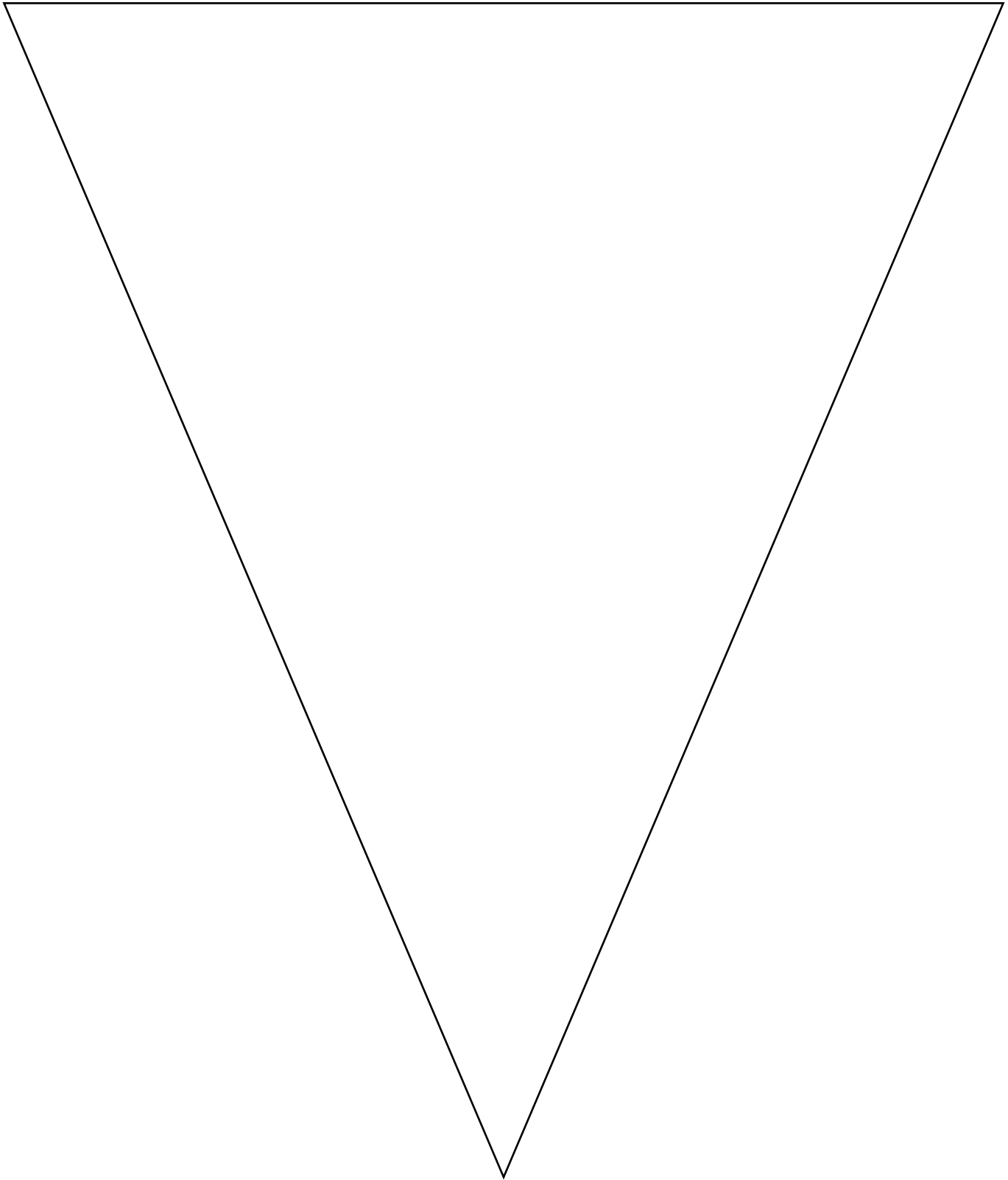
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4. What are the Greek and Roman names of Percy's father?
5. What are the Greek and Roman names of Jason's father?
6. What bond do Jason and Percy's fathers share?
7. Which river do the gods make their solemn vows on?
8. What animal does Bast have the head of?
9. What is the name of the god who takes Carter and Sadie's father hostage?
10. Which monster's hair is made of snakes?
11. The minotaur is half man and half of which animal?
12. Name the Greek/Roman and Egyptian gods of medicine.
13. What is the name of the staff carried by Hermes in Greek mythology?
14. What was the name of Set's brother, whom he killed?
15. Jason Grace is named after the hero Jason, who led a group of heroes. What were they called?
16. Who were the mythological creatures who lured sailors to death with their beautiful singing?
17. Sekhmet, the Egyptian goddess of war, has the head of which animal?
18. What are the Greek and Roman names for the god of war?
19. After which Greek hero is Percy Jackson named?
20. In Greek mythology, where was the Minotaur kept?





ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

DESIGN YOUR TEAM FLAG





ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH

RIPTIDE
HADES
PLUTO
OSIRIS
RICK RIORDAN
POSEIDON

NEPTUNE
ZEUS
JUPITER
BROTHERS
STYX
CAT

SET
MEDUSA
BULL
APOLLO
SEKHMET
CADUCEUS

ARGONAUTS
SIRENS
LION
ARES
MARS
PERSEUS
LABYRINTH

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ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

CAPTURE THE FLAG: ANSWERS

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| 5. What are the Greek and Roman names of Jason's father? | Zeus, Jupiter |
| 6. What bond do Jason and Percy's fathers share? | They are brothers |
| 7. Which river do the gods make their solemn vows on? | Styx |
| 8. What animal does Bast have the head of? | Cat |
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| 10. Which monster's hair is made of snakes? | Medusa |
| 11. The minotaur is half man and half of which animal? | Bull |
| 12. Name the Greek/Roman and Egyptian gods of medicine. | Apollo, Sekhmet |
| 13. What is the name of the staff carried by Hermes in Greek mythology? | Caduceus |
| 14. What was the name of Set's brother, whom he killed? | Osiris |
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| 17. Sekhmet, the Egyptian goddess of war, has the head of which animal? | Lion |
| 18. What are the Greek and Roman names for the god of war? | Ares, Mars |
| 19. After which Greek hero is Percy Jackson named? | Perseus |
| 20. In Greek mythology, where was the Minotaur kept? | Labyrinth |





ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

WORD SEARCH ANSWERS

RIPTIDE

HADES

PLUTO

OSIRIS

RICK RIORDAN

POSEIDON

NEPTUNE

ZEUS

JUPITER

BROTHERS

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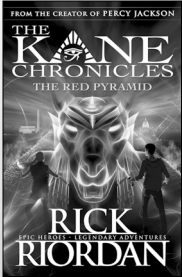
MARS

PERSEUS

LABYRINTH

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THE KANE CHRONICLES



THE RED PYRAMID (BOOK 1)

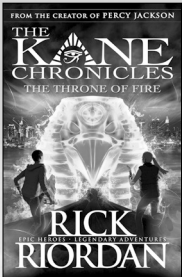
I guess it started the night our dad blew up the British Museum . . .

Carter and Sadie Kane's dad is a brilliant Egyptologist with a secret plan that goes horribly wrong. An explosion shatters the ancient Rosetta Stone and unleashes Set, the evil god of chaos . . .

Set imprisons Dr Kane in a golden coffin and Carter and Sadie must run for their lives. To save their dad, they embark on a terrifying quest from Cairo to Paris to the American South-west and discover the truth about their family's connection to the House of Life: an Egyptian temple of magic that has existed for thousands of years.

The pharaohs of ancient Egypt are far from dead and buried. And so, unfortunately, are their gods . . .

Also available as a graphic novel.

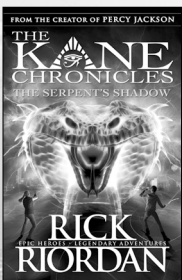


THE THRONE OF FIRE (BOOK 2)

Ever since the gods of Ancient Egypt were unleashed on the modern world, Carter Kane and his sister, Sadie, have been in big trouble.

As descendants of the magical House of Life, they command certain powers. But now a terrifying enemy – Apophis, the giant snake of chaos – is rising. If Carter and Sadie don't destroy him, the world will end in five days' time. And in order to battle the forces of chaos, they must revive the sun god Ra – a feat no magician has ever achieved. Because first they must search the world for the three sections of the Book of Ra, then they have to learn how to chant its spells . . .

Can the Kanes destroy Apophis before he swallows the sun and plunges the earth into darkness . . . forever?



THE SERPENT'S SHADOW (BOOK 3)

Carter and Sadie Kane, descendants of the magical House of Life, are in pretty big trouble.

Despite their bravest efforts, Apophis, the giant snake of Chaos, is still threatening to plunge the world into eternal darkness. Now the Kanes must do something no magician has ever managed – defeat Apophis himself. No pressure there, then.

Battling against the forces of Chaos, their only hope is an ancient spell – but the magic has been lost for a millennia. Will they find the serpent's shadow, or will they be led to their deaths in the depths of the Underworld?

