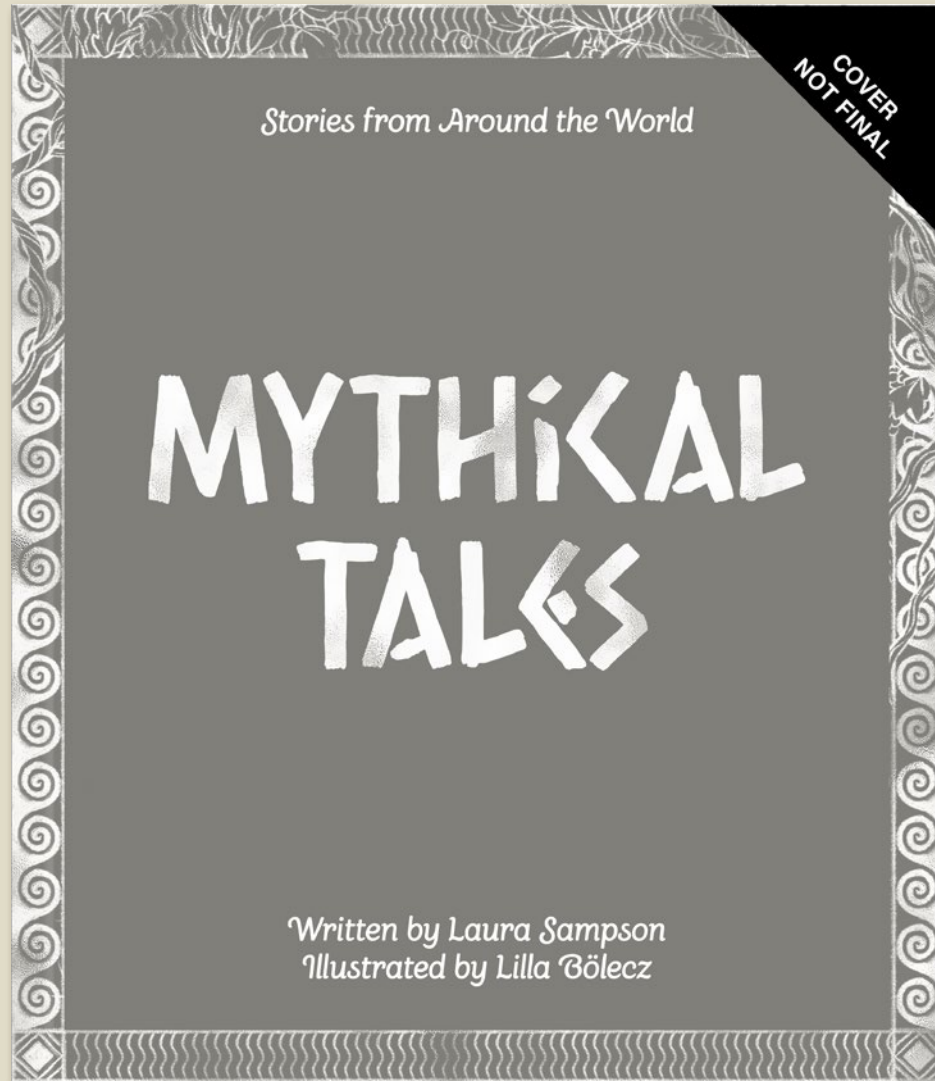


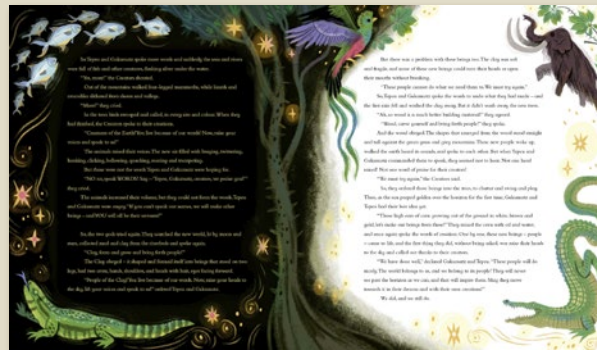
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Long ago, a fast ship sped East, hot sunlight cauting its shadow on the sparkling sea. The wind filled its sails and rows of wooden oars cut through the water, worked by strong sailors. On the ship's deck, twenty pirates smiled. The ship's hold was full of gold, jewels, fine delicacies, and something even better: a rich passenger who was going to make their fortunes!

That morning, a young man with diamond-bright eyes, rich purple robes and long dark hair, had wined and colled from a cliff-top:


"Sailors! Take me to the island of Naxos. I'll pay you well!"

The pirates agreed, and the young man had boarded the ship. But the pirates didn't just take goods, they were kidnappers too. The ship sailed straight past Naxos, and the captain cried, "You're our captive now! Your family will pay a ransom, or we'll sell you as a slave!"

The young man did not answer. He did not look worried either. He just stood there, eyes glittering, mouth curled up in a secret smile.

PERJUN'S STOLEN CATTLE
A tale from Croatia

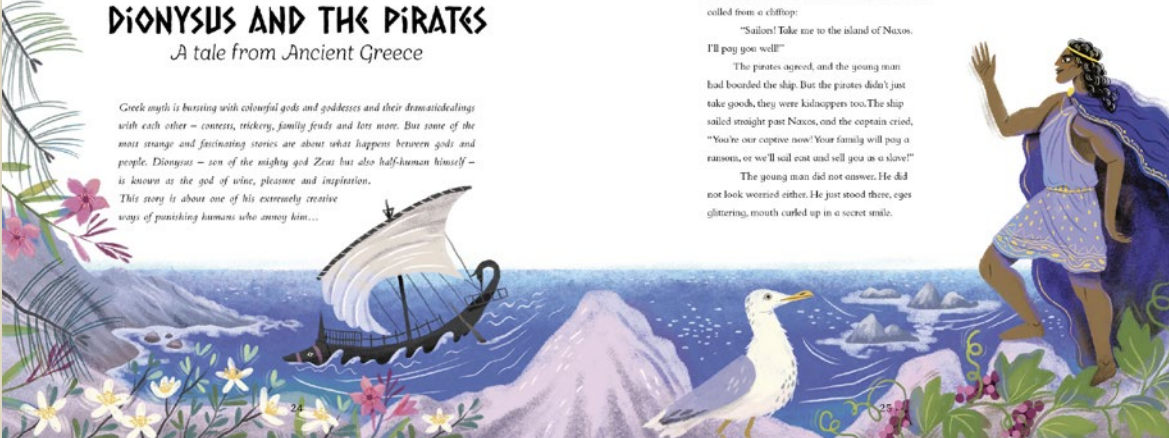
Perjun was a young man with three things on his mind. The first was to get rich, the second was to get a girl, and the third was to get a girl who was rich. He had heard that a girl named Peruna was rich and beautiful, and he had heard that she was in the land of the sun. So he had set out on a journey to find her. He had heard that she was in the land of the sun, and he had heard that she was rich and beautiful. So he had set out on a journey to find her. He had heard that she was in the land of the sun, and he had heard that she was rich and beautiful. So he had set out on a journey to find her.



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