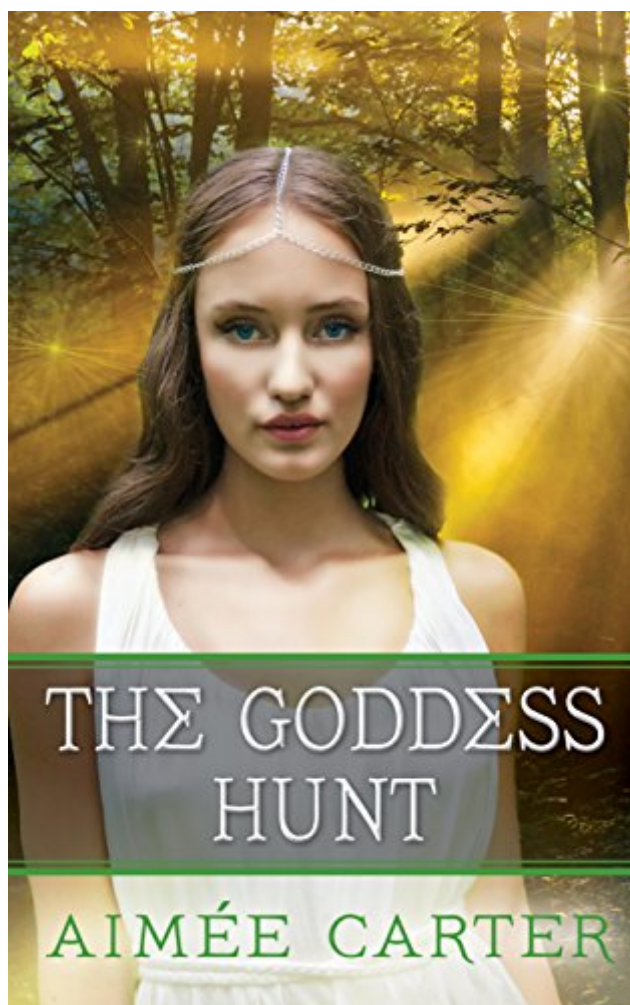


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Synopsis

Get swept up in this companion novella to Aimée Carter's popular Goddess Test series! Greek myths have never been so modern, romantic and thrilling! A perfect quick read set during the summer between The Goddess Test and Goddess Interrupted. A vacation in Greece sounds like the perfect way for Kate Winters to spend her first sabbatical away from the Underworld...until she gets caught up in an immortal feud going back millennia. Castor and Pollux have been on the run from Zeus and Hades's wrath for centuries, hiding from the gods who hunt them. The last person they trust is Kate, the new Queen of the Underworld. Nevertheless, she is determined to help their cause. But when it comes to dealing with immortals, Kate still has a lot to learn....Originally published in 2012. Don't miss any of the epic and exhilarating action in the GODDESS TEST series by Aimée Carter! The following is the complete Goddess Test series of three full-length novels and six companion novellas, in ideal reading order: The Goddess Test, The Goddess Hunt (Novella), Goddess Interrupted, The Goddess Queen (Novella), The Lovestruck Goddess (Novella), Goddess of the Underworld (Novella), God of Thieves (Novella), God of Darkness (Novella), The Goddess Inheritance. A fresh take on the Greek myths adds sparkle to this romantic fable. • Cassandra Clare on The Goddess Test

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Customer Reviews

The Goddess Hunt was an interesting novella. Kate and James have just started their six month long Greek vacation. However, on their first day, they get lost in the woods near Athens. The pair stumble upon twins, Castor and Pollux, who are on the run from the council. The twins are convinced that Kate has been sent to hunt them down for her husband, but she really has no idea what's going on. They tell their story, which of course, causes Kate to want to help them. She knows how hard it is to be separated from the person you love most in the world, and is willing to challenge Zeus and Henry to let them be together. I really just love how Kate stands up to the council, and is willing to fight for change and what she believes is right. The gods are too dead set in their ways and let their pride rule them, but Kate is slowly but surely worming her way under their skin. I don't think The Goddess Hunt is a required read for the series. It's just a short interlude of part of Kate's time away from Eden. It's barely even referenced in the next book. However, if you are a fan of mythology retellings (which I assume you are if you're interested in this series), then this is probably worth a read. I liked learning a bit more about the myth of the Gemini twins, as well as the authors twist on their lives and afterlives. Plus, it's just worth witnessing Kate tell off Zeus!

As a novella, The Goddess Hunt is actually very good. It has everything I look for in a novella - a story arc independent of the main series, a deeper glimpse into the characters, and a solid amount of content. But, while I found myself enjoying it for a novella, I did struggle to connect with some of the characters and thus, cared very little about the outcome. Taking place immediately after The Goddess Test, The Goddess Hunt shows Kate and James during their first day in Greece. I was immediately reminded of why I'm not a James fan, as he spends most of his time with Kate making her uncomfortable by flirting and dropping sexual innuendos that she repeatedly rebuffs after reminding him that she is now, and will always be, loyal to her new husband. He also purposely strays from their tour group in order to meet up with Lux (Pollux) and Casey (Castor), without informing Kate of his ulterior motives. It's not long before they realize that Kate is now Queen of the Underworld, and all hell breaks loose. Kate is as feisty and stubborn as always, which is something I really love about her. The reason it didn't sit so well with me in The Goddess Hunt however, was because I couldn't understand why she was being so stubborn over two brothers whom she had just

met. While the idea of an eternity apart did sound like cruel and unjust torture, Kate didn't even bother to think that perhaps Henry (Hades) had good reasons for wanting to return Casey to the Underworld where he belonged. She also didn't bother to ask Water (Zeus) for his side of the story, immediately believing the worst of him. (Granted, James did confirm that his intentions were of a devious nature, but she didn't know that at the time!) Fortunately for *The Goddess Hunt*, it's told from both Kate and Henry's PoVs and I was finally given some insight into the inner workings of Henry's mind! After finishing *The Goddess Test* and jumping into *Goddess Interrupted* shortly after, I was desperate for a peek into Henry's thoughts. I needed to see that he did care for Kate, and that he wasn't letting his situation with Persephone taint their new relationship; he was just always so closed off that I was never able to truly understand what he was thinking or feeling. It was great to see him struggle with staying away from Kate, especially when she was so upset, and that he respected her enough to keep his distance and honour their agreement, however much it pained him to see her with James. It was also enlightening (and thrilling) to see that he was willing to change and to forgive, in order to keep Kate happy, even though she might never know of his involvement. His selflessness when it comes to Kate is admirable and something I will cling to when he acts with coldness or nonchalance in future books, as a way to keep his heart safe. For such a short read, a lot happens and we learn a lot about the various characters who do make an appearance. While I wouldn't say that *The Goddess Hunt* is a necessary read, it's definitely a worthwhile read for fans of the series, especially if, like me, you've been anxious for a peek into Henry's thoughts!

Kate's vacation in Greece starts off with a hike through a forest in which she and James quickly become lost. Or, are they? James seems to have had his own agenda for the vacation. In the forest they meet Castor and Pollux, the Gemini twins, who have been on the run from the council of gods for millennia. Apparently Kate and James's presence there has attracted too much attention, and soon enough Castor is captured and returned to the Underworld. Typical of Kate, she takes compassion on the brothers and is dead set on lifting their curse. Now all she has to do is change Zeus's mind, and hope that Henry finds it in himself to forgive the twins for escaping the Underworld. Up until now, Kate has only seen the "good" side of the gods, but now she sees they have a tendency to hold old grudges, taking them way too personal. As a newly appointed immortal, she brings a new set of eyes and ideas, like compassion and forgiveness. I love that she is brave enough to go head to head against Walter/Zeus. And she does it with sass and determination! But Kate also begins to question if she made the right decision in joining the gods. She wonders if she

will be forever at odds with the council's decisions and choices. If she will have to watch from the sidelines as lives are destroyed for the sake of the council's rules. I like that this short story was told in alternating chapters between Kate and Henry. I think that if I'd read this before the second book, I wouldn't have panicked as much by Henry's seemingly indifference towards Kate. Here, he's clearly very much in love with her, and though it pains him to see her with James, he trusts her. I so wanted Kate to catch a glimpse of him! Just a tiny peek!

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