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Synopsis

From the bestselling author of the Pegasus books, Kate O'Hearn, comes an exciting new series that puts a fresh twist on Norse mythology. Valkyrie: Norse Goddess. Reaper of Souls. Defender of the Weak. Not someone you want to mess with! Freya is dreading her upcoming birthday when she'll officially have to take up her duties as a Valkyrie. She doesn't want to follow in the footsteps of the legends before her—legends including her mother and sisters. And she certainly doesn't want anything to do with humans! Freya thinks humans are cruel, hate-filled creatures, but as she observes their world, she begins to wonder what it would be like to make friends with the girls or laugh with the boys she sees. And what would it be like to live without the fear that she could cause someone's death with a single touch? Then when she's sent on her first mission, she reaps the soul of a fallen soldier with unfinished business—business that sends her on an epic quest to the mortal world. Will Freya find the true meaning of being a human, or will she finally accept her destiny?

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mythology – the eternally beautiful winged women who routinely visit the battlefields of Midgard (Earth) in order to "reap" the souls of the bravest warriors and take them to Asgard. There, the great god Odin honors them as heroes, allowing them to live a life of feasting, dancing, and fighting in Valhalla – his "Great Heavenly Hall for the Heroic Dead." As this story begins, Freya, youngest and last of the Valkyries, is about to participate in her First Day Ceremony and her first reaping of a warrior on the battlefield. But proud and awed as she is by the pomp of the ceremony, she swears the Valkyrie oath reluctantly, uncertain of her capability to perform her assigned tasks. Freya's first reaping is Tyrone, a soldier whose concern for his endangered family in Chicago is so great that she promises to try to help them. On her illicit journey to Midgard seeking Tyrone's daughters, some very special teens and adults give her heightened respect for modern humanity. Featured characters are given sufficient depth and personality. Contemporary issues – gangs and neighborhood safety, bullying and self-protection, seniors raising grandkids – are addressed. VERDICT Freya's story, easy to envision as a movie, will surely please many young fantasy lovers, especially those looking for Rick Riordan read-alikes. – Susan Scheps, formerly at Shaker Public Library, OH --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

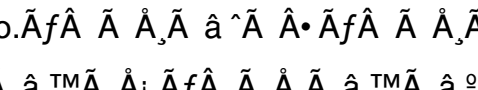
Kate O'Hearn was born in Canada, raised in New York City, and has traveled all over the United States. She currently resides in England. Kate is the author of the Pegasus series, the Shadow Dragon series, and the Valkyrie series. Visit her at KateOHearn.com.

I loved this book and I am an adult. I plan on getting the second and the third. I did though really disagree with Freya's pigheadedness and refusal to take advice from her own adviser. And each time she remained stubborn, more things got messed up. other then that, I loved this a lot.

I Absolutely loved it! It is one of my new favorites! I can't wait to read the next book! YAY!!!!

My 12 year old loves this book!!

My 11 year old daughter loved this series!

This book is awesome. I loved reading it and you will too. 

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This is a really great book, to those of u wondering if u should spend your money on this book, I
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My daughter has read a lot of mythology books, and she absolutely loved this one!!

My daughter loves this book. She said it was exciting and not predictable.

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