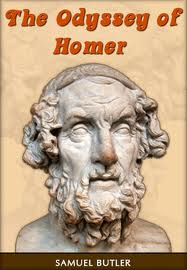
**Review of a book *Odyssey* by Homer**

 “Of all creatures that breathe and move upon the earth,

nothing is bred that is weaker than man.”

Last month I read an exciting story about the Greek hero Odysseus. This is one of the greatest works of literature to be written, attributed to the blind poet Homer.

With a timeless charm the *Odyssey* tells the story of the long journey by Odysseus. He is brave, strong and very clever. The poem mainly centers on [Odysseus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Odysseus) and his heroic journey. It takes Odysseus ten years to reach his home in [Ithaca](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ithaca) after the ten-year [Trojan War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trojan_War). In his absence, his wife [Penelope](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Penelope) and son [Telemachus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telemachus) must deal with a group of unruly suitors, who compete for Penelope’s hand in marriage. During his journey Odysseus has got many amazing adventures and he has to overcome many obstacles and temptations. [Athena](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Athena), goddess of wisdom, is on Odysseus’ side. Unfortunately, [Poseidon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Poseidon), god of the sea, wants for his destruction. Every time Athena helps him gain some ground, Poseidon finds a way to introduce new difficulties to Odysseus. On his return home he faces cyclops, lotus-eaters, sea monsters, hostile giants and sirens. The book ends as Odysseus wins a contest to prove his identity, slaughters the suitors, and retakes the throne of Ithaca.

I would recommend that book to everybody, because it makes you to think about your life, your fears, selfcentred behavior and all changes that you can do**. If** you like Greek mythology, stories written in verse and you enjoy epic adventure tales, this book is the best choice.

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**Comments:**

I also read the *Odyssey* by ancient writer Homer and I was totally captivated by Odysseus’ adventures during his journey. Personally, I think it is really well-worth reading and timeless book good for young people, just like we. Simply, for me Homer`s book is a great masterpiece.

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