

THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR

Could the Legend Be True?



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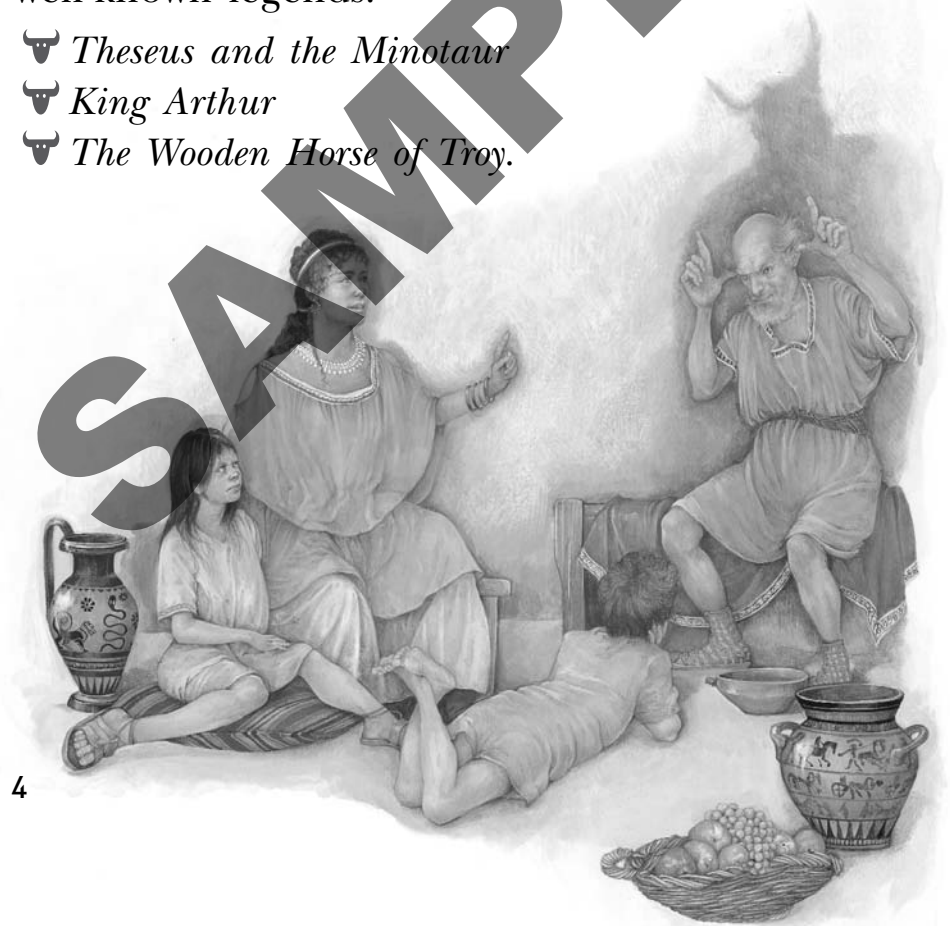
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INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS A LEGEND?

A legend is an old story about exciting adventures and heroes. Some legends are hundreds, even thousands, of years old. Legends can sound historical, but they are not actually true. No one knows who first made them up or wrote them down. Here are examples of some well-known legends:

- ♣ *Theseus and the Minotaur*
- ♣ *King Arthur*
- ♣ *The Wooden Horse of Troy.*



In this book, we will look at the legend of *Theseus and the Minotaur*, which comes from ancient Greece. It tells how Prince Theseus sailed from Athens to Crete on a daring adventure.

We will also look at the findings of **archeologists**. These people discover things such as jars, coins, or even ruins that have been buried in the ground since ancient times. Their finds can tell us a lot about life in the past. We will see how well the facts match the legend.



The Legend of Theseus and the Minotaur

Long ago, there was a cruel and powerful king named King Minos who lived on the island of Crete. One day, King Minos asked Daedalus, his master craftsman, to build him a **labyrinth** beneath his palace.

Daedalus built such a difficult labyrinth, no one who entered it could find their way out again. In the labyrinth, King Minos kept a Minotaur – a creature that was half-man, half-bull. It would attack anyone who came near. Sometimes, King Minos let the Minotaur eat prisoners.

