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Grade 5 Up-Kevin Crossley-Holland's work (Orion Children's Books, 2002) is brilliantly narrated by British actor Christian Rodska. He reads the 17 Norse mythology tales with wonderful expression and feeling, creating different voices for each of characters. Among the stories are "The Creation," "The Building of Asgard's Wall," "The Races of Men," "Mouthful of Poetry," "Loki's Children," "Theft of Idun's Apples," "Treasures of the Gods," "Thor Retrieves His Hammer," "Thor's Expedition," "Thor Goes Fishing," "The Riddle Contest," "Balder's Dreams," "The Death of Balder," and several more. Many of the tales deal with the giants or dwarves trying to cheat the gods, and the gods getting their revenge. Some deal with the many tricks Loki plays on various unfortunate souls. There is violence in some of the stories, and several times references are made to a woman's breasts. This excellent production will enhance any library's mythology collection.

Beverly Bixler, San Antonio Public Library, TX

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Review

"This master storyteller adapts the legends of Norse mythology into a collection of stories that rival the best fiction books" Good Book Guide, 1 Feb 04

About the Author

Kevin Crossley-Holland won the Carnegie Medal in 1985 for *Storm* and the Guardian Children's Fiction Award for *The Seeing Stone*. His many notable books for adults and children include poetry, classic retellings and anthologies. He has written and presented many BBC radio programmes and is a frequent speaker at schools and libraries. For some years he held a university post in Minnesota. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

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