

Never Look Back by Lillian Rivera

This book is a kind of remake of the Greek mythology story of Odysseus. I really liked this book because it takes the myth and brings it into the modern world. It goes along with the original plot but takes it in such a way where it could almost be something completely different from the original myth. The book follows this young girl named Eury who is thought to have mental health problems after witnessing Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. So, this book is not only an update of the myth but also a subtle commentary on mental health and how different people handle it. However, do not be misled by the beginning, it is fantasy, even though the beginning makes it seem like it is going to be realistic fiction. In the book, she visits New York City for the summer because her mom hopes that the change in scenery will help her. During her stay, she meets new friends, and the book takes so many unpredictable turns that are unbelievably amazing. Not only was the plot incredible, but also the way that the author wrote the book was amazing. She described the characters so vividly that you feel like they are real people. She also gives so many different aspects to each character that I feel that almost everyone could relate to at least an aspect of one of them. Also, the secondary characters are developed so fully that they each have their own stories that all intertwine. Another thing I loved about the way this book was written is that it gave enough description that you could envision everything that was happening but not too much that it got boring. All in all, this is an action pact book with great characters and many unpredictable twists and turns.