

## An Unexpected Ally

A Greek Tale of Love, Revenge, and Redemption

by Sophia Kouidou-Giles



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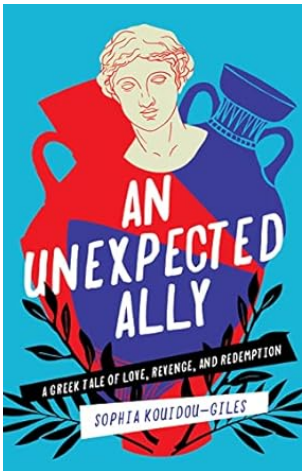
## Book Review



**Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite**

An Unexpected Ally: A Greek Tale of Love, Revenge, and Redemption is a work of fiction in the historical fiction, interpersonal drama, and intrigue subgenres. It is suitable for the general adult reading audience. Penned by author Sophia Kouidou-Giles, this enchanting tale follows the journey of Circe, daughter of the sun god Helios, as she navigates love, loss, and her divine heritage. After bidding farewell to Odysseus, Circe finds solace in a newfound love affair and explores her relationship with her mother, Perse, leading her to embrace her destiny alongside the amphibian god Glaucus. Their underwater adventures unveil Circe's knowledge of herbs and her ability to heal and harm, culminating in a fateful return to Aeaea. However, when trouble arises in Delos, Circe must confront the forces of evil using her extraordinary powers.

Author Sophia Kouidou-Giles has crafted a work that masterfully intertwines ancient Greek mythology with timeless themes of humanity, offering readers a captivating narrative filled with beauty and intrigue from start to finish. As I delved into the pages, I was immediately drawn into Circe's world of love, loss, and divine intervention by the sense of passion and imagination in the narrative voice. The author expertly weaves together elements of fantasy and reality, creating a balanced and well-paced narrative that feels both timeless and relevant to contemporary readers. Circe's journey is beautifully penned with close narrative skill, bringing her into reality with a resonant and relatable sense of attitude, speech, and thought. Through a rich tapestry of ensemble characters and settings around Circe, the author takes us back through history, offering readers a fresh perspective on familiar tales while addressing universal themes of love, vengeance, and the struggle between good and evil. Overall, An Unexpected Ally is a must-read for fans of Greek history, mythology, and interpersonal drama.



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## Author Biography

 Sophia Kouidou-Giles was born in Thessaloniki, Greece, and university educated in the USA. She is the author of the memoir Επιστροφή Στη Θεσσαλονίκη/Return to Thessaloniki, published in Greek (Tyrfi Press); Sophia's Return: Uncovering My Mother's Past: A Greek Tale of Love, Revenge and Redemption; and the novella An Unexpected Ally: A Greek Tale of Love, Revenge and Redemption/Μία Απρόσμενη Σύμμαχος. Circle of Peace: A Greek Tale of Perse's Great Hall, is her forthcoming stand-alone sequel (March 2025). Kouidou-Giles loves music, walking outdoors and travel. She lives in the Pacific Northwest, near her son, daughter-in-law, and two grandsons. To obtain a copy of the Greek version, contact the author via her website: <http://sophiakoudougiles.com>

The book is available in the Greek language: Μία Απρόσμενη Σύμμαχος. Contact the author if interested. <https://www.sophiakoudougiles.com>