

A Closer Look at
The Games Gods Play

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The gods love to toy with us mere mortals. And every hundred years, we let them... I have never been favored by the gods. Far from it, thanks to Zeus. Living as a cursed office clerk for the Order of Thieves, I just keep my head down and hope the capricious beings who rule from Olympus won't notice me. Not an easy feat, given San Francisco is Zeus' patron city, but I make do. I survive. Until the night I tangle with a different god. The worst god. Hades. For the first time ever, the ruthless, mercurial King of the Underworld has entered the Crucible—the deadly contest the gods hold to determine a new ruler to sit on the throne of Olympus. But instead of fighting their own battles, the... The book's descriptive passages serve to enhance rather than dominate the narrative. Settings are portrayed clearly enough to establish atmosphere, yet they never distract from the story's core focus. This measured use of description supports immersion.