

John Dougherty , Georgien Overwater

## Zeus on the Loose

United Kingdom (2004)

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General information	
<i>Title of the work</i>	Zeus on the Loose
<i>Country of the First Edition</i>	United Kingdom
<i>Original Language</i>	English
<i>First Edition Date</i>	2004
<i>First Edition Details</i>	John Dougherty, Georgien Overwater, <i>Zeus on the Loose</i> . London: Young Corgi Books (a Division of Random House Children's Books), 2004, 90 pp.
<i>ISBN</i>	9780552550819
<i>Genre</i>	Fiction, Humor, Illustrated works, Mythological fiction
<i>Target Audience</i>	Children (Middle-Grade Reader)
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## Creators



### **John Dougherty , b. 1964 (Author)**

John Dougherty was born in Larne, in Northern Ireland. He is a writer of children's books. In the 1990s and early 2000s he was a teacher at Hillbrook Primary School, in London. He has written a number of series of children's picture books and readers, usually with comic themes, and some with mythical or fairy-tale elements, including the *Bansi O'Hara* series about a girl with connections to faery folk; picture books on retellings of folktales, such as *Finn MacCool and the Giant's Causeway*, *Twice Upon a Time*, *The Story of Sir Dave* (drawing on Arthurian legend), and adaptations of Shakespeare plays such as *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest*. He has also written a trio of books about Zeus (*Zeus on the Loose* (2004), *Zeus to the Rescue* (2007), and *Zeus Sorts it Out* (2011)). He lives in Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Source:

Official [website](#) (accessed: October 1, 2018)

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## **Georgien Overwater , b. 1958 (Illustrator)**

Georgien Overwater is a Belgian-Dutch illustrator of children's books. She was born in Gorichem, and from a child was interested in drawing. She trained at the Art Academy in Arnhem and has illustrated many children's books around the world, including animated films (with Paul Driessen, and Sesame Street), the children's series Floor, with Marjon Hoffman, the *Dr Procession* series by Jo Nesbo, and *Munkel Trough* by Jan Foxley. She illustrated the three *Zeus* books, the *Jack Slater Monster Investigator* and *Niteracy Hour* books, by John Dougherty. She lives in Amsterdam.

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[Profile](#) at the [leopold.nl](http://leopold.nl) (accessed: October 1, 2018)

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story, including manipulating the school children to re-enact aspects of the Trojan War. Comic illustrations (in a style that seems influenced by Quentin Blake) add to the light aspects of the book.

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### [Gods Iliad Trojan War Zeus](#)

Classical, Mythological,  
Traditional Motifs,  
Characters, and  
Concepts

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### [Adventure Family Friendship School](#)

Other Motifs, Figures,  
and Concepts Relevant  
for Children and Youth  
Culture

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Addenda

The phrase "Zeus on the Loose" appears to be quite popular, appearing in Terry Deary's 1998 comic non-fiction book, and a board game published by Gamewright, as well as an episode of Cyberchase, a US-Canadian PBS time-travel cartoon.

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