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Demigods

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Episode 28: Demigods

Melvyn Bragg and guests discuss demigods, the fabled offspring of a human and a divine being. From Heracles to Cú Chulainn, from Garuda to Chen Xiang, legends are rife with characters born of mortal and immortal. Loved by some gods, despised by others, they and their human parents are mythology's engine, powering dramas and enduring conflicts between deities in all cultures. Whether hero or villain, part-animal or fully-human, magnanimous or bitter, wise or foolish,

their stories have retained their force from the ancient world to the modern.

Notes

Episode 28 of the 2019-2020 series of *In Our Time* on BBC Radio 4 was scheduled to be broadcast 2 Apr 2020 but was never recorded. The series was curtailed on 12 Mar 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The BBC website for this series features a rolling list of the next eight episodes in the pipeline; it is from here that this précis (now deleted) was taken.