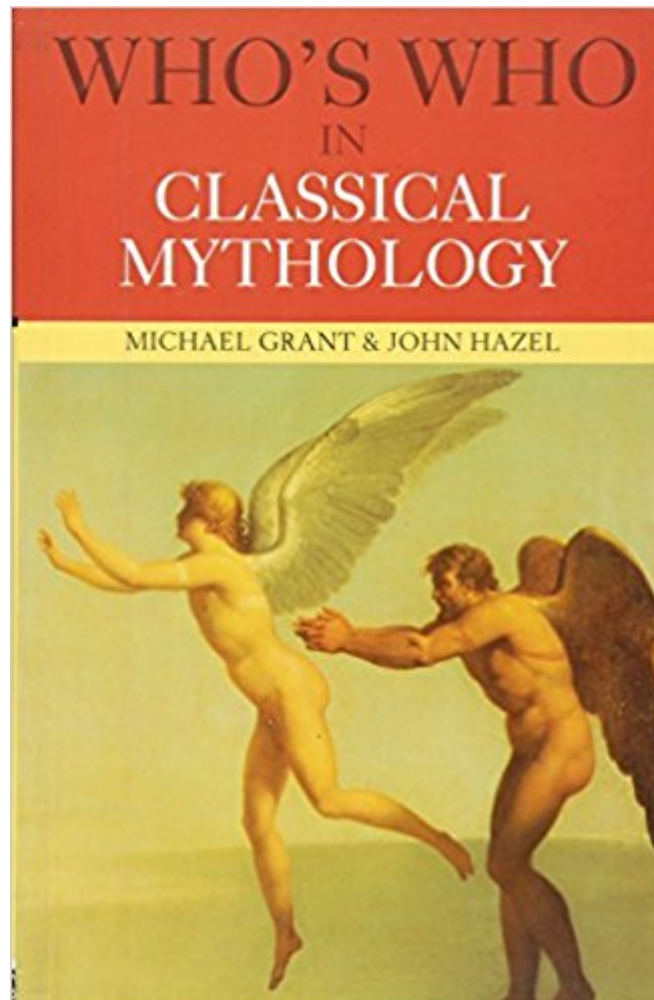




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Michael Grant is a well known & best-selling author with a large backlist at Routledge, including: From Rome to Byzantium (1998); Greek & Roman Historians (1995); Collapse & Recovery of the Roman Empire (1999). John Hazel is a well known scholar of the classical world.

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