

Dear Reader,

Thank you for taking the time to pick up **PEREGRINE QUINN AND THE COSMIC REALM**. Get ready for gods, monsters, oracles and a very good quest! It also has a coffee-addicted faun, a dryad librarian and a duck called Arthur . . . You have been warned!

PEREGRINE QUINN is forged from a lifetime of curiosity for the ancient world. Like my childhood hero – Indiana Jones – Peregrine Quinn is instinctive, brave and capable. But like many great heroes – Indiana included – Peregrine often feels like an outsider. She knows that her godfather, Daedalus, is immortal, and she wants, more than anything, to learn more about his world. But be careful what you wish for. When Daedalus is kidnapped, Peregrine not only has to learn about the Cosmic Realm, she also has to save it.

Luckily she has help from Rowan, who just wants to be told what to do, and Cal, who is petrified of doing anything. I think you might particularly enjoy the ride on the Under Under Ground, and the trip to Nim's Greenhouse where Peregrine and Rowan are kitted out with some James-Bond-style CosTech.

It is a strange dream to be sending PEREGRINE out to readers, but I know she will be well looked after. Thank you for venturing into Peregrine's weird and wonderful world, I hope you enjoy your trip!

Yours,,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read 'Ash Bond', with a stylized, cursive script.

P.S. Watch out for the fire ferns!