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An Asian Minor Is Unlike Any Book That You Are Likely To Read This Year The Story Of A Thirteen Year Old Boy Who Discovers That He Is The Most Beautiful Mortal Ever Born, It Examines That Dubious Honor In A Retelling Of The Classical Greek Myth That Has Attracted Artists For Centuries This book was originally written in 1981 by Felice Picano, and details the early life and career of Ganymede, as told by the alluring boy in his own words It is extremely well written, a colourful, ribald account of his escapades as he fights off the attentions of men of all rank and age His beauty also captures the attention of various Immortals, who will go to great lengths to seduce him It probably should be noted to those unfamiliar with Ancient history that Ganymede is 12 at the beginning of the book, so 21st century sensibilities do not apply. The book hasn't been in print for a long while, but now it has been republished as an audiobook, narrated in a salacious drawl by Jason Frazier This is the first audiobook I have listened to all the way through The delivery is everything, especially with a book that could be dismissed as being either too highbrow by some or too lightweight by others This would be a shame In fact, it is a witty, sexy, sometimes humorous account of Ganymede's life The reader gets a peephole view into the lusty world of Troy and its inhabitants, where beauty is highly prized and judged at every turn Ganymede is the most beautiful of all boys, gaining sexual experience with a variety of Immortal lovers, before being disgraced and shunned for rejecting the top man, Zeus probably not his greatest career move. Jason Frazier's voice

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should have an R rating He could read a telephone directory and make it ooze with sexual promise The book itself is not explicit, but the theme of lust runs through it in a pulsing thread Ganymede learns humility, but still retains an arrogance that only truly beautiful people can get away with He isn't particularly likeable, but that doesn't matter His story is told in such rich and gorgeous detail, one cannot help but be captivated This is a book to be savoured at home, rather than driving, or in a public place, as it would be a crime to miss a single word. I was given a copy of this Audiobook in return for an honest review. If you are looking for a traditional Greek tale with formal classic language then this is certainly not for you Picano visualises a young man, given immortality at fourteen, who has aged mentally with the earth he sees and knows the world the modern world and he speaks like a modern albeit an American boy He decides to speak up and tell his true story because he sees that a certain group of overconcerned busybodies are intent on making me a symbolic victim of an old pervert's lust and contrarily, by others saying that the perversion is fine He wants to set the record straight, to point out that his human rights had NOT been violated and he's not the unwilling victim, raped and abducted without his permission. He also says in the prologue, that he wants to give guys of today some hints to get themselves a sugar daddy who really counts, rather than settling for whomever comes along Yes unhook your classical brain, we ain't in the land of Laurence Olivier as Zeus Now you'd think I'd be complaining bitterly but I'm really not I thoroughly enjoyed it once I saw the tack that Picano was taking Ganymede is a cheeky little bastard, but wouldn't you be if you were fated to be the most beautiful youth that ever lived Picano takes the story mentioned in The Iliad that Ganymede was the son of Troas, King of Troy and whilst some of the ends of the story are changed a little, Ganymede Explains It All with typical youthful brio When Zeus propositions him, there's one of my favourite lines in the book and typical of the boy If you want me, you're going to have to do a lot better than they did I'm not going to be known as the idiot who threw over Apollo and Hermes and Ares for an instant basking The fact that his dad is dying of embarrassment as his son talks back to Zeus is a perfect touch. Ganymede learns very early on that being so beautiful is

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both a blessing and a curse His father shows him off as one of the wonders of Troy and soon on the boy is exiled from his home because Troas doesn't want any gods turning up to court his son and making a nuisance of themselves Ganymede's adventures begin after this, rejecting Hermes, Ares and Apollo after giving them a little taste of what they were going to miss because he knows he's worth than any old randy minor god And who can blame him However it's not until he's humbled that he gets the chance to fulfill his destiny The fact that it was Ganymede that brought about the Trojan war and subsequent destruction I thought was nicely done It was his face that launched those ships, after all The book is illustrated with lovely black and white drawings by David Martin which are very lickable and I wish I could show you one. This book could easily have descended into a laughable, sporkable farce but it doesn't It manages to be a fun, funny read thanks to the characterisation of the narrator and if you can get hold of a copy, reasonably priced, I think you'll enjoy it. When you listen to audiobooks on a regular basis, as a listener you start to find performers you love Before you know it, when you're looking at the lists of audiobooks, you're searching the listings not by title or author, but by who performs the audiobook, and then reading the blurbs of the books they've done Finding a new and awesome performer is like finding a new author, and in fact absolutely leads to just that finding new authors through the performer. I reviewed this in full over at Out in Print Queer Book Reviews. omg I forgotten how wonderful Jason Frazier voice is I have missed it I'm enjoying listening to this audio just by listening to his voice. The obvious reference point is Merlis's An Arrow's Flight, but Picano sticks to the time period instead of inserting modernity into the mix And Picano's conversational Ganymede is funny and breezy and altogether charming His observations on life and mythos are as interesting as they are clever. Marvellous I just love the dry, ironical, satirical voice that Felice Picano has given to Ganymede. 4.5 stars a really good short story Ganymede isn't just a pretty face After my initial distraught at the writing style because Ganymede reads like the teenage life advice column from the Bravo magazine at the turn of the millennium and not at all like a Classic Greek tale, the book started growing on me quite a bit So I removed the rod of conceit stuck high up my ass, promptly called myself

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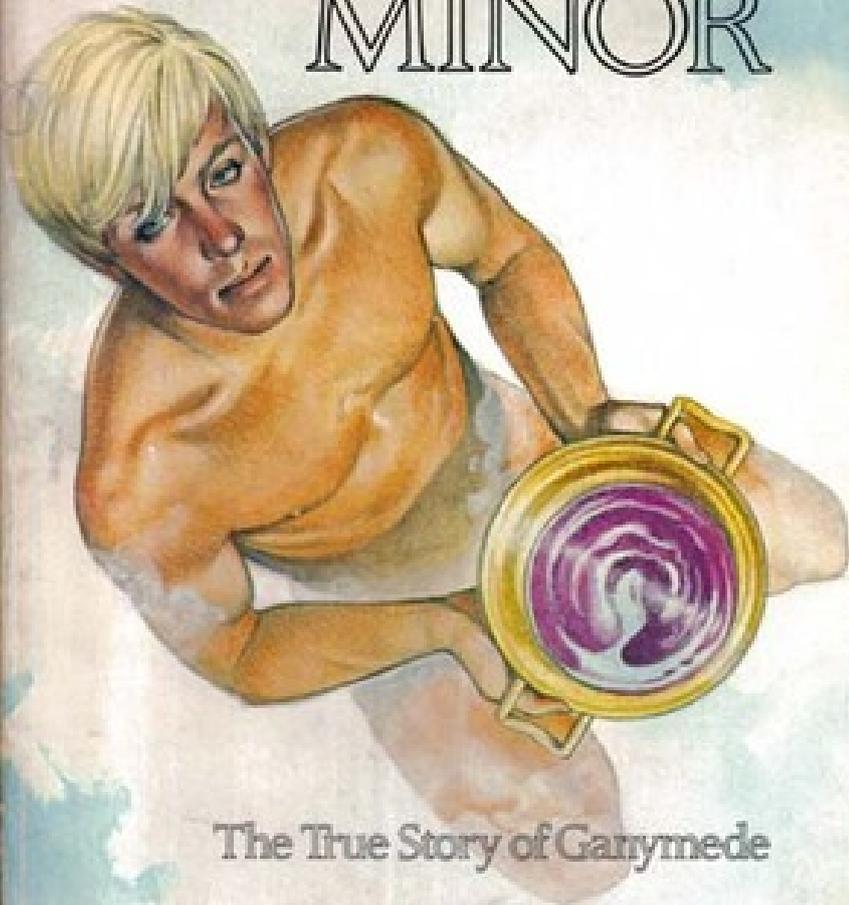
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a philistine and began enjoying the story. I must say this was quite the breath of fresh air funny, well documented and Ganymede's witty barbs made me laugh out loud He makes fun of immortals like Hermes, Ares and Apollo whom he twists around his little finger mercilessly The speech is very contemporary but it works. I compartmentalized the fact that Ganymede was actually 12 when Hermes had him and 14 when he became Zeus's not spoiling you guys it's all in the blurb I chose not to think about that too much The reason for this was that in Ancient Greece there was the social custom of pederast a , the socially acceptable romantic relationship between an adult male and an adolescent male And I'm all for historical accuracy Nothing pisses me in a book that the lack of historical accuracy When I see thousand year old tragic historical or mythological stories turned into HEAs for the sake of sales I feel like breaking my Kindle in half and never reading that author again Happy to say this follows the story of Ganymede told in the Iliad I also got a little shout out at my two favorite boys and this brought a smile to my face Achilles was also a good looking guy, with a real doll for a lover, Patroclus I'm quite happy my dear Shin Mon recommended this book at the right time, because GR's passive aggressive messages informing me I'm behind my reading challenge were starting to feel like the worst whopping cough. Later edit This was written in 1981 So awesome A modern retelling of the legend of Ganymede from his point of view This novella is short, quick, to the point and delightful.

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