

Atalanta



Atalanta was a huntress and no one is sure what her father's name is. Her father did not want a daughter so when he realized that she was a girl, he left her on a mountainside. She ended up being raised by a she-bear. She was considered a hero and went on the Calydonian boar hunt. There are many stories about her, but her most famous one is how she chooses her husband.

Atalanta and the Golden Apples

After Atalanta found out who her parents were, she went to go live with them. There were many men who wanted to be her husband, but she did not want to marry. She finally decided that she would choose her husband by having a foot-race. Whoever beat her, she would marry. But there was one man who was well liked by Aphrodite, the goddess of love. His name was Melanion. He prayed to her to help him win the race. Aphrodite gave him three golden apples that no one alive could see and not want. At the race, Melanion dropped each of the apples to delay Atalanta from winning the race. Melanion won the race and he and Atalanta were married. They had a son named Parthenopaeus later in their marriage.