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Cleopatra's Daughter Astra

Publishing House

Britannia: land of mist and magic clinging to the western edge of the Roman Empire. A red-haired queen named Boudica led her people in a desperate rebellion against the might of Rome, an epic struggle destined to consume heroes and cowards, young and old, Roman and Briton . . . and

these are their stories. A calculating queen foresees the fires of rebellion in a king's death. A neglected slave girl seizes her own courage as Boudica calls for war. An idealistic tribune finds manhood in a brutal baptism of blood and slaughter. A death-haunted Druid challenges the gods themselves to ensure victory for his people. A conflicted young warrior finds himself torn between loyalties to tribe and to Rome. An old champion struggles for everlasting glory in the final battle against the legions. A pair of fiery princesses fight to salvage the pieces of their mother's dream as the ravens circle. A novel in seven parts, overlapping stories of warriors and peacemakers, queens and slaves, Romans and Britons who cross paths during Boudica's epic rebellion. But who will survive to see the dawn of a new Britannia, and who will fall to feed the ravens?

The Last Girls of Pompeii
Minotaur Books

One of America ' s most influential Hispanics -- 'Maria' on Sesame Street -- presents a powerful novel set in New York's El Barrio in 1969 There are

two secrets Evelyn Serrano is keeping from her Mami and Papo? her true feelings about growing up in her Spanish Harlem neighborhood, and her attitude about Abuela, her sassy grandmother who's come from Puerto Rico to live with them. Then, like an urgent ticking clock, events erupt that change everything. The Young Lords, a Puerto Rican activist group, dump garbage in the street and set it on fire, igniting a powerful protest. When Abuela steps in to take charge, Evelyn is thrust into the action. Tempers flare, loyalties are tested. Through it all, Evelyn learns important truths about her Latino heritage and the history makers who shaped a nation. Infused with actual news accounts from the time period, Sonia Manzano has crafted a gripping work of fiction based on her own life growing up during a fiery,

unforgettable time in America, when young Latinos took control of their destinies.

The Goddess Hekate Createspace Independent Publishing Platform Praise for Oracle of the Song: "Astonishing, in every sense of the word... I can't wait for the third book - it will take me that long to catch my breath and recover from my envy." -Peter S.

Beagle, Author of The Last Unicorn, The Innkeeper's Song, Summerlong & many others "Marvelously readable, The Oracle of the Song, is a mesmerizing story of a time when the divine and mortal were entwined around a common fate."

-Angeliki A. Pateli, Archeologist Msc. "Everything I love about Greek myths-wild monsters, power-crazed gods, and

breathhtaking adventures-come to life... A terrific story well told! I loved it." -Vicky Alvear Shecter, Author of Cleopatra's Moon, Curses and Smoke & many others Determined to save her best friend Sophia, Thaleia-the young Oracle of Delphi-descends into the Underworld, a forbidden land from which none escape. But does Sophia want to be saved? If so, why does she trick Thaleia to drink from the River of Forgetfulness, so she no longer knows the reason she descended into Hades' Realm? Thaleia prays for the gods' help. Instead of their guidance, she encounters Hades' rage and Athena's jealous fury. Always, the gods defy her. Beneath fire skies, Thaleia outwits Typhon, a hundred-headed sea monster; challenges the

Graee-three hags who share one eye and one tooth between them and risks being turned to stone with the gaze of Medusa, a snake-haired priestess. Ultimately, all paths lead to Hades Palace and a box hidden beneath Queen Persephone's bed. Can Thaleia stop blaming the gods for her friend's death? Can she let honesty and courage guide her? Can she bring Sophia home?

Alexander the Great Rocks the World Darby Creek

A Romeo & Juliet tale for Hamilton! fans. In post-American Revolution New York City, Theodosia Burr, a scholar with the skills of a socialite, is all about charming the right people on behalf of her father—Senator Aaron Burr, who is determined to win the office of president in the pivotal election of 1800.

Meanwhile, Philip Hamilton, the rakish son of Alexander Hamilton, is all about being charming on behalf of his libido. When the two first meet, it seems the ongoing feud between their politically opposed fathers may be hereditary. But soon, Theodosia and Philip must choose between love and family, desire and loyalty, and preserving the legacy their flawed fathers fought for or creating their own. Love, Theodosia is a smart, funny, swoony take on a fiercely intelligent woman with feminist ideas ahead of her time who has long-deserved center stage. A refreshing spin on the Hamiltonian era and the characters we have grown to know and love. It's also a heartbreaking romance of two star-crossed lovers, an aching bittersweet "what if." Despite their fathers' bitter rivalry, Theodosia and

Philip are drawn to each other and, in what unrolls like a Jane Austen novel of manners, we find ourselves entangled in the world of Hamilton and Burr once again as these heirs of famous enemies are driven together despite every reason not to be.

Penguin

Two star-crossed lovers. One city on the brink of destruction. Tages is a medical slave, doomed to spend the rest of his life healing his master's injured gladiators. Lucia is the daughter of Tag's owner, doomed by her father's greed to marry a much older Roman man. Can they find each other before the volcano

destroys their whole world?

One Man Guy Knight
Media, LLC

A charming and hilarious coming-of-age story relates the trials and tribulations of two Mississippi chicken thieves--nine-year-old Ruby Lavender and her grandmother, Miss Eula. A first novel.

ROMAN MYSTERIES: 02

The Secrets of Vesuvius CreateSpace
Learn all about Cleopatra, a far more capable and powerful ruler than people have thought, in this lively and informative biography. Most of what we've known about Cleopatra—and what crept into art, film, and literature—came from her enemies, the Romans. Ascending to the throne at young age of 17, Cleopatra

proved to be a brilliant negotiator who forged alliances that kept her in power and in control of her kingdom. This book about Egypt's last and most famous pharaoh features an inviting text, many sidebars, and excellent color illustrations: maps, photos of ancient artifacts, and artworks from many historical periods.

Daughter of the Gods
Boyd's Mills Press

Hades, god of the dead, welcomes readers on a dangerous tour of his underworld kingdom, filled with monsters, furies, giants, and vampire demons. Along the way, he reveals ancient death rites and sinister curses, tells hair-raising

stories, and cracks jokes to die for. With his witty voice and ghoulish sense of humor, Hades is the perfect guide through this fresh and imaginative work of nonfiction that reads like a novel. Includes a glossary, bibliography, and index.

Brothers Forever Da Capo Press

Provides an examination of the bodies found buried in the ashes of the ancient city while exploring the life and times of these people, the events that led to the destruction of their civilization, and the archeological discoveries being made at the site's location today.

Love in Revolution

Astra Publishing House
Esteya is fifteen. As war rumbles closer, Esteya's brother - an important figure in the Revolutionary Communist Party - is able to protect their family from the worst of the privations of war. Then Esteya meets an extraordinary girl, Skizi, an outcast, shunned by all. But Esteya and Skizi are drawn to each other. Slowly and wonderfully love blossoms ... And then Esteya's family are betrayed and forcibly taken away. Skizi disappears. Esteya is left deserted, heartbroken and in terrible danger. But she must find a way to escape - and to find Skizi.
Tiger Moon Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

From the internationally bestselling author of *Nefertiti* comes the tumultuous story of Antony and Cleopatra's daughter, Selene. The marriage of Marc Antony and Cleopatra is one of the greatest love stories of all time, a tale of unbridled passion with earth-shaking political consequences. When the lovers choose to die by their own hands, their three orphaned children are taken in chains to Rome; only two—the ten-year-old twins Selene and Alexander—survive the journey. Delivered to the household of Octavian's sister, the siblings cling to each other and to the

hope that they will return one day to their rightful place on the throne of Egypt. Recounted in Selene's youthful and engaging voice, Moran introduces a compelling cast of historical characters: Octavia, the emperor Octavian's kind and compassionate sister, abandoned by Marc Antony for Cleopatra; Livia, Octavian's bitter and jealous wife; Marcellus, Octavian's handsome, flirtatious nephew and heir apparent; Tiberius, Livia's sardonic son and Marcellus's great rival for power; and Juba, Octavian's watchful aide, whose honored position at court has far-reaching effects on the lives of the young Egyptian royals. Selene's narrative is animated by the concerns of a young girl in any time and place—the possibility of finding love, the pull of friendship and family, and the pursuit of her unique interests and talents. And as Selene and Alexander come of age, they are buffeted by the personal ambitions of Octavian's family and court, by the ever-present threat of slave rebellion, and by the longings and desires deep within their own hearts. Based on meticulous research, *Cleopatra's Daughter* is a fascinating portrait

of imperial Rome and of the people and events of this glorious and most volatile period in human history.

Emerging from the shadows of the past, Selene, a young woman of irresistible charm and preternatural intelligence, will capture your heart.

Oracle of the Song

Michael O'Mara Books
Twins Jess and Josh travel back in time to the ancient Roman city of Pompeii in search of their uncle. But can they find him and escape before Mount Vesuvius erupts?

Warning Miracle

Penguin

A heartbreaking and deeply compelling debut, Mrs. Sinclair's Suitcase

is a compulsive page-turner about thwarted love, dashed hopes, and family secrets—book-club fiction at its best. Roberta, a lonely thirty-four-year-old bibliophile, works at The Old and New Bookshop in England. When she finds a letter inside her centenarian grandmother's battered old suitcase that hints at a dark secret, her understanding of her family's history is completely upturned. Running alongside Roberta's narrative is that of her grandmother,

Dorothy, as a forty-year-old childless woman desperate for motherhood during the early years of World War II. After a chance encounter with a Polish war pilot, Dorothy believes she's finally found happiness, but must instead make an unthinkable decision whose consequences forever change the framework of her family. The parallel stories of Roberta and Dorothy unravel over the course of eighty years as they both make their own ways through secrets, lies, sacrifices, and love. Utterly

Sinclair's Suitcase is a spellbinding tale of two worlds, one shattered by secrets and the other by the truth. *Love, Ruby Lavender* Simon and Schuster The riveting tale of an executioner's daughter who struggles to find a different path in life Born into the family of an executioner, Lily has always been sheltered by her mother from the horrors of her father's occupation. But when her ailing mother takes a turn for the worse, Lily is suddenly thrust into the paralyzing role of executioner's

assistant. Aside from flourishing in the preparing healing shadow of Mount concoctions for the Vesuvius at the suffering and maimed, height of the Roman Lily must now Empire. When accompany her father Vesuvius erupted in at the town an explosion of executions, something flame and ash, the she has never done entire town would before. Though she be destroyed. Some loves her father, the of its citizens emotional burden of died in the chaos, his disturbing some escaped the profession is just mountain's wrath . too much for her to . . and these are bear. Lily must find their stories: A a way to change her boy loses his destiny, no matter innocence in the consequences. Set Pompeii's in medieval England, flourishing and beautifully streets. An heiress written novel tells dreads her wedding the story of one day, not knowing it girl's fight to rise will be swallowed above her fate. by fire. An ex- *Pompeii* Scholastic legionary stakes UK his entire future Pompeii was a lively resort on a gladiator bout

destined never to be finished. A crippled senator welcomes death, until a tomboy on horseback comes to his rescue. A young mother faces an impossible choice for her unborn child as the ash falls. A priestess and a whore seek redemption and resurrection as the town is buried. Six authors bring to life overlapping stories of patricians and slaves, warriors and politicians, villains and heroes who cross each others' path during Pompeii's fiery end. But who will escape, and who

will be buried for eternity?

Curses and Smoke

Astra Publishing House

Describes the life and accomplishments of the military ruler who conquered ancient Persia and Egypt and united many cultures with one ruler, one language, and one currency.

Curses and Smoke: A Novel of Pompeii

Random House Books for Young Readers
Troy: city of gold, gatekeeper of the east, haven of the god-born and the lucky, a city destined to last a thousand years. But the Fates have other plans-the

Fates, and a woman slave girl seizes
named Helen. In the the reins of her
shadow of Troy's future as two
gates, all must be mighty heroes meet
reborn in the in an epic duel. A
greatest war of the grizzled archer and
ancient world: a desperate Amazon
slaves and queens, risk their lives to
heroes and cowards, avenge their dead.
seers and kings . . . A trickster
. and these are conceives the
their stories. A greatest trick of
young princess and all. A goddess' son
an embittered battles to save the
prince join forces spirit of Troy even
to prevent a fatal as the walls are
elopement. A breached in fire
tormented seeress and blood. Seven
challenges the gods authors bring to
themselves to save life the epic tale
her city from the of the Trojan War:
impending disaster. its heroes, its
A tragedy-haunted villains, its
king battles survivors, its
private demons and dead. Who will lie
envious rivals as forgotten in the
the siege grinds embers, and who
on. A captured will rise to shape

the bloody dawn of
a new age?
**A Snicker of Magic
(Scholastic Gold)**
Farrar, Straus and
Giroux (BYR)
Alek Khederian should
have guessed something
was wrong when his
parents took him to a
restaurant. Everyone
knows that Armenians
never eat out. Why
bother, when their
home cooking is far
superior to anything
"these Americans"
could come up with?
Between bouts of
interrogating the
waitress and
criticizing the menu,
Alek's parents
announce that he'll be
attending summer
school in order to
bring up his grades.
Alek is sure this
experience will be the
perfect hellish end to
his hellish freshmen
year of high school.

He never could've
predicted that he'd
meet someone like
Ethan. Ethan is
everything Alek wishes
he were: confident,
free-spirited, and
irreverent. When Ethan
gets Alek to cut
school and go to a
Rufus Wainwright
concert in New York
City's Central Park,
Alek embarks on his
first adventure
outside the confines
of his suburban New
Jersey existence. He
can't believe a guy
this cool wants to be
his friend. And before
long, it seems like
Ethan wants to be more
than friends. Alek has
never thought about
having a
boyfriend—he's barely
ever had a
girlfriend—but maybe
it's time to think
again. Michael
Barakiva's One Man Guy
is a romantic, moving,

laugh-out-loud-funny story about what happens when one person cracks open your world and helps you see everything--and, most of all, yourself--like you never have before. *Warrior Queens Curses and Smoke: A Novel of Pompeii* Selene has grown up in a palace on the Nile with her parents, Cleopatra & Mark Antony--the most brilliant, powerful rulers on earth. But the jealous Roman Emperor Octavianus wants Egypt for himself, & when war finally comes, Selene faces the loss of all she's ever loved. Forced to build a new life in Octavianus's household in Rome, she finds herself torn between two young men and two possible destinies--until she

reaches out to claim her own. This stunning novel brings to life the personalities & passions of one of the greatest dramas in history, & offers a wonderful new heroine in Selene. 13 Curses Little, Brown Books for Young Readers History awaits an unsuspecting young man, fleeing the imperial capital and Nero's wrath. Arriving in Pompeii, Marcellus witnesses the funeral of a local man; the course of his life will be altered by this stranger's death. Unable to stop the murder of a mysterious woman named Helen, Marcellus becomes the caretaker of the dead woman's newborn

baby. Hiding in plain sight at a brothel, Marcellus is left to decipher Helen's secrets. With the help of his overbearing servant and a seductive oracle, Marcellus must deduce who in Pompeii has blood on their hands. Helen's killer and Marcellus's true identity appear to be his greatest threats. Little does he know what cataclysm the Mighty Jove has designed. If Marcellus can survive the city's disaster, he just might expose a murderer and stay alive.