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**Forgotten Peoples of the Ancient World Philip Matyszak 2020-08-18** A chronicle of forty forgotten ancient civilizations which highlights the important contributions that each has made to modern society. The ancient world of the Mediterranean and the Near East saw the birth and collapse of great civilizations. While several of these are well known, for all those that have been recorded, many have been unjustly forgotten. Our history is overflowing with different cultures that have all evolved over time, sometimes dissolving or reforming, though ultimately shaping the way we continue to live. But for every culture that has been remembered, what have we forgotten? This thorough guide explores those civilizations that have faded from the pages of our textbooks but played a significant role in the development of modern society. *Forgotten Peoples of the Ancient World* covers the Hyksos to the Hephthalites and everyone in between, providing a unique overview of humanity's history from approximately 3000 BCE–550 CE. A wide range of illustrated artifacts and artworks, as well as specially drawn maps, help to tell the stories of forty lost peoples and allow readers to take a direct look into the past. Each entry exposes a diverse culture, highlighting their important contributions and committing their achievements to paper. *Forgotten Peoples of the Ancient World* is an immersive, thought-provoking, and entertaining book for anyone interested in ancient history.

**Ancient Rome Nicolas Guillerat 2021-10-12** A revealing history of ancient Rome, told through visually stunning, state-of-the-art infographics.

**The Servant of Aphrodite Philip Matyszak 2015-11-06** After returning from the dead - or at least from the river Arausio - Lucius Panderius finds himself back in Rome, and an unwilling participant in the snake-pit of Roman politics. Whether dodging assassins in the back-alleys, or ducking missiles at political rallies, our hero finds that the streets of his home city can be just as dangerous as the battlefield. And on the battlefield, at least you know who your enemies are ... Rome, 104 BC is a city on edge; torn by social conflict and threatened with destruction by a massive barbarian invasion. To survive the turmoil, Lucius Panderius needs to be every bit as ruthless and duplicitous as his shadowy and powerful enemies. "The Servant of Aphrodite" is the second of the Panderius Papers, and as with its predecessor, this novel combines detailed historical research with non stop action and adventure. **ABOUT THE AUTHOR** Philip Matyszak has a doctorate in Roman history from St John's College, Oxford University and is the author of many books on Ancient History, including the best-selling "Ancient Rome on Five Denarii a Day" and "Legionary: The Roman Soldier's (Unofficial) Manual." He teaches e-learning courses in Ancient History for the Institute of Continuing Education at Cambridge University. "The Servant of Aphrodite" is the sequel to "The Gold of Tolosa" and is the second novel in his 'Lucius Panderius' series. For more information visit: [www.matyszakbooks.com](http://www.matyszakbooks.com)

**Ancient Athens on Five Drachmas a Day Philip Matyszak 2008** Hot on the heels of the author's previous book 'Ancient Rome On Five Denarii a Day', here is another informative and entertaining guide, this time to everything that any tourist needs for a journey back in time to ancient Athens in 432 BC.

**Ancient Rome in 5 Denarii Philip Matyszak 2018-03-22** Here is an informative and entertaining guide to everything that any tourist needs for a journey back in time to ancient Rome in AD 200. You need only pack your imagination and a toothbrush - this guide provides the rest, describing all the best places to stay and shop, what to do, and what to avoid. Brought to life with wonderful computergenerated reconstructions of ancient Rome, this highly original, witty book will appeal to tourists, armchair travellers and history buffs.

**De Egyptische sleutel Preston & Child 2018-11-12** Gideon Crew begint aan zijn wellicht laatste avontuur in *De Egyptische sleutel*, de nieuwste thriller van Preston & Child, de #1-bestsellerauteurs van de *Gideon Crew* en *Pendergast*-thrillers. Gideon Crew – de briljante wetenschapper, meesterdief en onverschrokken avonturier – is geschokt als hij hoort dat zijn voormalige werkgever, Eli Glinn, spoorloos is verdwenen en diens hightech lab plotseling wordt gesloten. En dat terwijl Glinn's laboratorium juist bezig was met een onderzoek naar de schijf van Phaistos, de eeuwenlang onvertaald gebleven stenen tablet van een voorheen onontdekte beschaving. Crew is gefascineerd, maar krijgt ondertussen ook grimmig nieuws over zichzelf. Met nog slechts enkele maanden te leven begint Gideon aan wellicht zijn laatste, wereldwijde avontuur – de zoektocht naar een mythische schat. Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child zijn de #1-bestsellerauteurs van de *Pendergast*-thrillers en de thrillers over *Gideon Crew*. *De vloek van het oerwoud* en *De gruwelkamer* worden gerekend tot de honderd beste thrillers aller tijden.

**The Enemies of Rome Philip Matyszak 2009** An assessment of the rise and fall of the Roman empire argues that such groups as the Celts, Hebrews, and Phoenicians were civilizations in their own right in spite of beliefs about Roman superiority and examines the impact of leadership ambition, political choices, and rivalry on the empire's downfall.

**Dynastie Tom Holland 2015-11-13** Toen het Romeinse rijk eenmaal een wereldrijk was kwam er een einde aan de republiek. Rome baadde in bloed. De burgeroorlogen waren zo gewelddadig geweest dat het volk blij was met een alleenheerser die vrede bracht. Hij noemde zichzelf Augustus: 'de door God begunstigde'. De lugubere roem van de door Augustus gestichte dynastie is nooit verbleekt. Er is geen familie die kan bogen op een vergelijkbare rij fascinerende namen. Tiberius, berucht om zijn perversiteit, was een formidabele generaal die eindigde in verbitterde afzondering; Caligula, gevreesd vanwege wreedheden en vernederingen, reed over de zee; Agrippina, Nero's moeder, wrong zich in bochten om haar zoon, die haar zou vermoorden, aan de macht te brengen; Nero zelf trouwde met een eunuch en bouwde een sprookjespaleis op de restanten van het door vuur verwoeste centrum van zijn stad. Tom Holland schetst een ver-bijsterend portret van Romes eerste keizerlijke familie. Dynastie gaat over haar aantrekkingskracht en over de bloedige slagschaduw van haar misdaden, over de imposante hoofdstad die door Augustus in marmer werd herbouwd en over donkere Duitse bossen vol barbaren. De personages vormen een spectaculaire cast van moordenaars en metroseksuelen, overspeligen en druïden, konkelende groot-moeders en weerspannige gladiatoren.

**Expedition to Disaster Philip Matyszak 2013-01-19** This thrillingly vivid history recounts a pivotal battle of the Peloponnesian War, bringing the drama and personalities of the Sicilian Expedition to life. The Athenian expedition to conquer Sicily was one of the most significant military events of the classical period. At the time, Athens was locked in a decades-long struggle with Sparta for mastery of the Greek world. The expedition to Sicily was intended to win Athens the extra money and resources needed to crush the Spartans. With the aid of new archaeological discoveries, *Expedition to Disaster* reconstructs the mission, and the ensuing siege, in greater detail than ever before. The cast of characters includes Alcibiades, the flamboyant, charismatic young aristocrat; Nicias, the ageing, reluctant commander of the ill-fated expedition, and Gylippus, the grim Spartan general sent to command the defense of Syracuse. It was he who turned the tables on the Athenian invaders. They were surrounded, besieged, and forced to ask for mercy from a man who had none. Philip Matyszak's combination of thorough research and gripping narrative presents an episode of ancient history packed with colorful characters and dramatic tension.

**Rubicon Tom Holland 2009-10-31** Toen Julius Caesar op een donkere ochtend in januari met zijn leger het grensriviertje de Rubicon overstak, onder het uitspreken van de woorden 'de teerling is geworpen', ontketende hij een van de beroemdste burgeroorlogen uit de geschiedenis. *Rubicon* is een scherpzinnig, briljant geschreven en uitstekend gedocumenteerd verslag van hoe een grootse beschaving van republiek tot keizerrijk werd. Tom Holland vertelt ons het fascinerende verhaal van de val van de Romeinse republiek, beginnend bij de periode waarin de latere hoofdpersonen opgroeien: Caesar, Cicero, Cleopatra, Brutus, Pompeius, Augustus en vele anderen. Een boek voor alle liefhebbers van spannende geschiedenis en alle kijkers van de met lof overlade serie *Rome*. In Engeland werd *Rubicon* ogenblikkelijk een bestseller.

**SPQR Mary Beard 2016-04-06** Het oude Rome is belangrijk. De geschiedenis van het rijk, van zijn veroveringen, wreedheid en uitpattingen, is voor ons nog altijd een ijkpunt. Zijn mythen, verhalen, disputen en problemen houden ons nog altijd bezig. *SPQR* biedt een frisse kijk op de Romeinse geschiedenis door een van 's werelds belangrijkste classici. Mary Beard onderzoekt niet alleen hoe Rome van een onbelangrijk dorp in Midden-Italië uitgroeide tot een wereldmacht die heerste over een gebied van Spanje tot in Syrië, maar ook hoe de Romeinen zichzelf en hun wereld zagen, en waarom dat van belang is

tot in onze eeuw. Deze gezaghebbende geschiedenis omspannt duizend jaar, en werpt een nieuw licht op veel aspecten van de Romeinse beschaving, van de slavernij en de religie tot het stromend water. Het is het definitieve boek over het oude Rome, verrassend en goedgeschreven.

So You Want to Be a Roman Soldier Philip Matyszak 2019-08 An essential guide for wannabe legionaries--and fair warning to those brave, or stupid, enough to sign up.

Augustus Adrian Goldsworthy 2016-10-11 Adrian Goldsworthy portretteert keizer Augustus in een ontwapenende biografie. Meedogenloos en menselijk. Gul en gewelddadig. Poëziefhebber en politicus. Keizer Augustus was een vat vol tegenstrijdigheden. Maar het opvallendst van alles is het feit dat hij naar de achtergrond van de geschiedenis is verdwenen, terwijl hij meer dan veertig jaar aan de macht is geweest en minstens zo belangrijk was als zijn legendarische oudoom Julius. Dit boek volgt Augustus' ontwikkeling van krijgsheer tot keizer en zoomt in op wat hem menselijk maakte – zijn huwelijk met Livia, zijn liefde voor het geschreven woord – én wat hem zo uitzonderlijk maakte dat hij in staat was zich een weg naar de top te vechten en daar zo lang te blijven. Want laat er geen misverstand over bestaan: Augustus was een dictator. Maar hij was veel meer dan dat alleen. Historicus Adrian Goldsworthy schrijft met verfrissende eerlijkheid en terechte bewondering over Augustus. Goldsworthy promoveerde in klassieke geschiedenis aan de Universiteit van Oxford, met een specialisatie in de Romeinse geschiedenis. Hij is tevens de auteur van onder meer *Caesar, De val van Rome en Romeinse Legioenen*. Imperial General Philip Matyszak 2012-02-02 Petilius Cerealis is one of the few Imperial Roman officers, below the level of Emperor, whose career it is possible to follow in sufficient detail to write a coherent biography. Fortunately his career was a remarkably eventful and colorful one. With a knack for being caught up in big events and emerging unscathed despite some hairy adventures (and scandal, usually involving some local wench) he appears to have been a Roman version of Blackadder and Flashman combined. Cerealis was in Britain when Boudicca's revolt erupted (60 or 61 AD) and marched to confront her. He lost most of his force but narrowly escaped with his own skin intact. In 69 AD, the infamously tumultuous 'year of the four emperors', he was in Rome, the seat of conspiracy. When his uncle, none other than Vespasian, decided to make his own bid for the imperial purple (he was to become the fourth emperor that year), Cerealis was in danger of losing his life as a traitor and had to escape from the city to join his uncle who was marching to force his way in. A short while later he was commanding a force on the Rhine when the Batavian mutiny broke out. This time he only escaped death because he was in bed with a local girl rather than in his own tent. And so it goes on... 'Imperial General' is both a fascinating insight into the life of an imperial Roman officer during the period of the Principate, and a rollicking good tale told in Philip Matyszak's trademark lively style.

Sparta: Fall of a Warrior Nation Philip Matyszak 2018-06-30 The author of *Sparta: Rise of a Warrior Nation* continues his revealing history of the Ancient Greek city-state in this chronicle of its decline and defeat. Universally admired in 479 BC, the Spartans became masters of the Greek world by 402 BC, only for their state to collapse in the next generation. What went wrong? Was the fall of Sparta inevitable? In *Sparta: Fall of a Warrior Nation*, Philip Matyszak examines the political blunders and failures of leadership which combined with unresolved social issues to bring down the nation—even as its warriors remained invincible on the battlefield. The Spartans believed their society was above the changes sweeping their world. And by resisting change, they were doomed to be overwhelmed by it. But the Spartans refused to accept total defeat, and for many years their city exercised influence far beyond its size and population. This is a chronicle of political failure—one rich in heroes, villains, epic battles and political skulduggery. But it is also a lesson in how to go down fighting. Even with the Roman legions set to overwhelm their city, the Spartans never gave up.

Lives of the Romans Joanne Berry 2008-11-17 One hundred biographies reveal the mightiest civilization of the ancient world through the lives of its citizens. At its peak Rome's empire stretched across Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, yet it started as a primitive encampment above a riverside marsh. This book spans the great chronological and geographical sweep of the Roman age and brings the reader face to face with those who helped create the empire, from consuls and commanders to ordinary soldiers, voters, and taxpayers. An extraordinary range of viewpoints is explored in these biographies. A centurion and a plasterer's wife share pages with the orator Cicero and the scholar Pliny the Elder, while a vestal virgin shares a chapter with Antinous, the boy-lover of Hadrian. Augustine, the church patriarch, and Constantine, Rome's first "Christian" emperor, rub shoulders with Julian the Apostate and Vettius Agorius Praetextatus, leader of the pagans. Roman women were the most liberated in the ancient world. They could wield massive power and influence, yet are often overlooked. Meet Servilia, Caesar's lover; Sulpicia, the teenage poet; Amazonia, the sword-swinging gladiator; and Cloelia, the girl who escaped captivity by swimming the Tiber. Lavishly illustrated with magnificent works of art, including portraits, sculptures, and Renaissance paintings of Roman scenes, this book reveals the real-life stories behind the rise and fall of Rome. Philip Matyszak teaches Roman History for the Institute of Continuing Education at Cambridge. He has written extensively on the ancient world. Joanne Berry teaches ancient history at Swansea University and is the author of *The Complete Pompeii*.

How to Survive in Ancient Rome L J Trafford 2020-12-14 The essential self-help guide to living in Ancient Rome, covering all areas of everyday life in this ancient civilization, from religious beliefs and travel through to what to wear. Imagine you were transported back in time to Ancient Rome and you had to start a new life there. How would you fit in? Where would you live? What would you eat? Where would you go to have your hair done? Who would you go to if you got ill, or if you were mugged in the street? All these questions, and many more, will be answered in this new how-to guide for time travelers. Part self-help guide, part survival guide, this lively and engaging book will help the reader deal with the many problems and new experiences that they will face, and also help them to thrive in this strange new environment.

Onder de adelaar Simon Scarrow 2017-02-21 Germania, 42 n.Chr. Quintus Licinius Cato is een nieuwe rekrut in het Tweede Legioen, gelegerd aan de Rijn grens. Het is het meest geharde van het Romeinse leger, en het militaire bestaan is vol ontberingen. Als geschoolde jongeman heeft Cato het niet makkelijk, en hij is dan ook het mikpunt van spot: zijn medesoldaten wedden erom of hij zal sterven of falen. Dan wordt Cato gepromoveerd tot tweede in rang onder Macro, de onbevreesde en doorgewinterde centurio van het Tweede Legioen. Nu moet hij zich meer bewijzen dan wie ook, terwijl de jaloerse soldaten hem het leven zuur maken. In opdracht van Rome gaat het leger op een zware veldtocht naar een ver, uiterst barbaars land: Britannia. Cato en Macro gaan op een speciale missie, een samenzwering om keizer Claudius in ten val te brengen... Onder de adelaar is het eerste deel in de spannende en succesvolle Adelaar-reeks: in Engeland zijn al meer dan 500 000 boeken in de reeks verkocht.

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Vijanden van Rome Philip Matyszak 2021-05-12 'Vijanden van Rome' van de bekende historicus Philip Matyszak portretteert de vijanden van Rome, van Hannibal tot Cleopatra en Attila de Hun. Een prachtig overzicht met tal van illustraties. De bekende historicus Philip Matyszak heeft een eregalerij gemaakt van alle 'Vijanden van Rome': de barbaren die tegen de Romeinen in opstand kwamen. Tot voor kort werd de Romeinse beschaving per definitie als 'iets goeds' gezien. Rome verlichtte met de fakkel van de beschaving de barbaarse duisternis. De Romeinen verspreidden onder meer hun wetten, architectuur en literatuur tot in alle uithoeken van hun rijk. Maar dat ging ten koste van andere culturen. Philip Matyszak presenteert zijn lezers de vijanden van Rome, onder wie koninginnen als Boudicca, Cleopatra en Zenobia, en veldheren zoals Hannibal, Jurgurtha, Alarik en Attila de Hun.

Sertorius and the Struggle for Spain Philip Matyszak 2013-09-09 The epic battle to liberate Spain from Roman rule is a masterclass of ancient guerilla warfare, recounted by the author of *Ancient Rome on 5 Denarii a Day*. In the year 82 BC, after a brutal civil war, the dictator Sulla took power in Rome. But among those who refused to accept his rule was the young army officer Quintus Sertorius. Sertorius fled, first to Africa and then to Spain, where he made common cause with the native people who had been savagely oppressed by a succession of corrupt Roman governors. Discovering a genius for guerilla warfare—and claiming to receive divine guidance from Artemis—Sertorius came close to driving the Romans out of Spain altogether. Rome responded by sending reinforcements under the control of Gen. Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus, who would go on to become Pompey the Great. The epic struggle between these two commanders, known as the Sertorian War, is a masterclass of ancient strategy and tactical maneuver. Massively outnumbered, Sertorius remained undefeated on the battlefield, but was eventually assassinated by jealous subordinates, none of whom proved a match for Pompey. The tale of Sertorius is both the story of a people struggling to liberate themselves from oppressive rule, and the story of a man who started as an idealist and ended almost as savage and despotic as his enemies. But above all, it is the story of a duel between two great generals, fought between two different styles of army in the valleys of the Spanish interior.

Marcus Antonius en Cleopatra Adrian Goldsworthy 2012-01-17 De liefdesverhouding tussen Marcus Antonius en Cleopatra is een van de bekendste uit de klassieke oudheid. Marcus Antonius behoorde tot de invloedrijkste mensen van zijn tijd, en de intrigerende Cleopatra, die ook Julius Caesars minnares was geweest, regeerde als koningin over Egypte, de belangrijkste Romeinse provincie. In de loop der eeuwen zijn de verhalen over dit beroemde koppel voer geweest voor vele hardnekkige mythen. Zo berust het populaire beeld van Cleopatra in antiek Egyptisch kostuum op een misverstand: eigenlijk was zij Grieks. Ondanks haar overwicht in Egypte, verkreeg Cleopatra haar invloed voornamelijk doordat ze sterke banden wist te smeden met de belangrijkste Romeinen. Evenzo was Marcus Antonius niet de legendarische norse militair die aan lager wal zou zijn geraakt door zijn liefde voor een exotische vrouw - hij heeft nooit toegestaan dat Cleopatra hem haar wil oplegde. In *Marcus Antonius & Cleopatra* vertelt Adrian Goldsworthy het fascinerende verhaal van

twee beroemde geliefden. Hij baseerde zich op antieke bronnen en archeologisch bewijs en ontkracht de vele mythen die er in de loop van tweeduizend jaar over hen zijn ontstaan.

The Gods and Goddesses of Greece and Rome Philip Matyszak 2022-09-29 The essential illustrated guide to the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome by renowned author and historian of ancient life Philip Matyszak, who vividly retells their stories and explores their origins. Who were the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome? What did they mean to the people who worshipped them? Although their time of widespread worship is long gone, the Greek and Roman gods have fascinated and inspired writers and artists for millennia. From Aphrodite to Apollo, Poseidon to Zeus, these are some of the most recognizable characters in Western culture, yet there is rich, unknown lore behind these famous figures who regularly feature in art and writing. The Greek and Roman gods are enthralling characters in the enduringly powerful Iliad, Odyssey, and Metamorphoses, as well as in modern retellings like Circe and the Percy Jackson series. They are immortal and powerful, yet also vain, vindictive, and vulnerable. Moreover, as manifestations of death, fertility, love, and war, the gods are also our key to understanding how the Greeks and Romans saw their world. Philip Matyszak presents this pantheon in all their complexity, guiding us from Mount Olympus to the depths of Hades. Each chapter focuses on an individual god or goddess, beginning with their "biography" as understood by the Greeks and Romans and exploring the origins of the legends. Matyszak mixes history with vivid retellings of the myths in which the gods have a starring role, from stories of cosmic creation and universal war to disastrous weddings and freak disaster accidents. This sumptuously illustrated guide to the gods of Greece and Rome is a must-have for anyone interested in mythology and classical civilization.

24 Hours in Ancient Rome Philip Matyszak 2017-10-05 Walk a day in a Roman's sandals. What was it like to live in one of the ancient world's most powerful and bustling cities - one that was eight times more densely populated than modern day New York? In this entertaining and enlightening guide, bestselling historian Philip Matyszak introduces us to the people who lived and worked there. In each hour of the day we meet a new character - from emperor to slave girl, gladiator to astrologer, medicine woman to water-clock maker - and discover the fascinating details of their daily lives.

Legionary Philip Matyszak 2013-09-02 Combining the latest archaeological discoveries with modern-day reconstructions, this book (written by a leading expert, the author of 'Chronicle of the Roman Republic', 'The Enemies of Rome', 'The Sons of Caesar' and 'Ancient Rome on Five Denarii a Day') provides a vivid picture of what it meant to be a Roman Legionary. How to be accepted into the legions and which legion is for you; What to wear - and what not to wear - while on campaign; Who's Who in the Roman army, and how to tell a Berber from a Pict: How to wield a gladius and fire a catapult; How to storm a city and survive; How to act when Rome is honouring your legion with a triumph. "A very interesting, original and well structured work for anyone who enjoys Roman military themes ... a fun and easy read" - Ancient Warfare

Gladiator Philip Matyszak 2014-05-12 Experience at first hand the spectacular, brutal life and savage death of the most iconic figure of ancient Rome. This manual will take the reader from the first faltering steps over the threshold of gladiator school, and through training to become a man of the sword. Find out how to get thousands to idolize you as the strongest, meanest fighter in the Roman empire. Learn why you should become a gladiator, how to join the profession, who will try to kill you (and what with), which arena of the empire is right for you, when and how often you will fight and what happens before, during and after the bout.

De Grieken Philip Matyszak 2019-01-09 Dit is het oude Griekenland - maar niet zoals wij het kennen. Wat maar weinigen weten is dat de Griekse beschaving zich heeft uitgestrekt rond de Zwarte Zee en in het hele Midden-Oosten, en dat er zelfs Griekse steden waren in de uitlopers van de Himalaya. In dit boek wordt de geschiedenis verteld van de Grieken buiten Griekenland, zoals Sappho van Lesbos, Archimedes uit het Italiaanse Syracuse en Herodotus uit Klein-Azië. En zoals zij waren er veel meer. Philip Matyszak schrijft over de Griekse soldaten, staatslieden, wetenschappers en filosofen die, hoewel ze zelden of nooit voet hebben gezet op het Griekse vasteland, de fundamenten legden voor de Griekse cultuur. Hij heeft het niet over de Atheense democratie of het Spartaanse militarisme, maar hij geeft ons een frisse kijk op wat het betekende om Griek te zijn door het verhaal te vertellen van de Grieken overzee, van het huidige India tot Spanje.

The Classical Compendium Philip Matyszak 2009 Collects whimsical stories, jokes, and anecdotes from the ancient world that reflect period life, values, and personal relationships, in a volume that features entries ranging from quips by the emperor Augustus to the wry observations of the philosopher Socrates.

Ancient Rome on Five Denarii a Day Philip Matyszak 2007 A lighthearted reference to "visiting" ancient Rome identifies the period's top accommodations, activities, and things to avoid, in a reference that profiles a sea journey to Italy, a tour of the famous seven hills of Rome, and the opulence of an imperial Palatine Hill palace.

The Greek and Roman Myths Philip Matyszak 2010 An introduction to the Greek and Roman myths and tales that lie at the heart of Western culture includes intriguing facts and stories, including the labors of Hercules and the voyage of Odysseus.

1177 v. Chr. Eric Cline 2014-11-13 In '1177 v. Chr.' beschrijft Eric H. Cline een keerpunt in onze geschiedenis. Na jaren van bloei kwam er een abrupt einde aan de beschavingen uit het bronzen tijdperk. In het jaar 1177 voor Christus wist het machtige leger van Egypte de verwoestende invasies van het zeevolk te stoppen, maar dat bleek een pyrrusoverwinning. In slechts enkele decennia vielen de illustere rijken van de Trojanen, Hettieten, Minoërs, Egyptenaren en Babyloniërs als dominostenen om, samen met hun monumentale architectuur en vernuftige technologie. Hoe kon dat gebeuren? Eric H. Cline vertelt het meeslepende verhaal van de ondergang van de beschaving en werpt daarmee nieuw licht op een periode die bepalend is geweest voor de loop van onze geschiedenis en angstaanjagend veel lijkt op de hedendaagse situatie in de landen rond de Middellandse Zee. 'Cline heeft een van de boeiendste boeken uit de afgelopen jaren geschreven.' \*\*\*\*\* Jona Lendering, NRC Handelsblad

Gifmengsters, gladiatoren en geleerden Philip Matyszak 2021-12-14 Het Romeinse rijk mag dan een enorm imperium zijn geweest, het begon toch echt als een onaanzienlijke nederzetting aan een moeras. De auteurs portretteren de mannen en vrouwen die de Romeinse geschiedenis hebben gemaakt. Natuurlijk de machtige consuls, keizers en commandanten van Julius Caesar tot Constantijn, heerseressen als Agrippina en Livia, maar ook de architecten, wetenschappers en kunstenaars. Ze vergeten echter niet de vrouwelijke gladiator, de invloedrijke gifmengster, de slaafgemaakte huisdienaar, de soldaat en de timmerman. Het boek is in kleur en voorzien van afbeeldingen en foto's van wat nog altijd zichtbaar is van het rijke verleden van Rome.

The Gold of Tolosa Philip Matyszak 2013-09-10 Meet Lucius Panderius, war hero, connoisseur of fine wines and Germanic prostitutes - and the perpetrator of the biggest gold theft in history. This first novel by well-known writer and historian Philip Matyszak takes us from the mean streets of Rome to the even meaner streets of Gallic Tolosa in a journey filled with ambush, intrigue, battle and double-cross. In 105 BC Rome is faced with extinction, both from a huge army of invading barbarians and by a dark curse that has been festering for generations. It falls to Lucius Panderius to avert both threats, and incidentally to make himself richer than Croesus. Though fiction, the Gold of Tolosa is historically accurate and explains how enough loot to recapitalize a third-world economy was taken in a theft that really did happen. Whether Lucius is crossing swords with barbarian warriors or Roman magistrates, the pace is never less than frantic, and ancient Rome has never been more fun ...

Mithridates the Great Philip Matyszak 2009-04-20 A military biography of Mithridates VI the Great of Pontus, Rome's most persistent enemy. The Mithridatic wars stretched over half a century and two continents, and have a fascinating cast of pirates, rebels, turncoats and poisoners (though an unfortunate lack of heroes with untarnished motives). There are pitched battles, epic sieges, double-crosses and world-class political conniving, assassinations and general treachery. Through it all, the story is built about the dominant character of Mithridates, connoisseur of poisons, arch-schemer and strategist; resilient in defeat, savage and vindictive in victory. Almost by definition, this book will break new ground, in that nothing has been written on Mithridates for the general public for almost half a century, though scholarly journals have been adding a steady trickle of new evidence, which is drawn upon here. Few enough leaders went to war with Rome and lived long to tell the tale, but in the first half of the first century BC, Mithridates did so three times. At the high point of his career his armies swept the Romans out of Asia Minor and Greece, reversing a century of Roman expansion in the region. Even once fortune had turned against him he would not submit. Up to the day he died, a fugitive drive to suicide by the treachery of his own son, he was still planning an overland invasion of Roman itself.

Germanicus Lindsay Powell 2013-09-25 "The story of a Roman Emperor that might have been" (Fighting Times). Germanicus was regarded by many Romans as a hero in the mold of Alexander the Great. His untimely death, in suspicious circumstances, ended the possibility of a return to a more open republic. This, the first modern biography of Germanicus, is in parts a growing-up story, a history of war, a tale of political intrigue, and a murder mystery. In this highly readable, fast paced account, historical detective Lindsay Powell details Germanicus's campaigns and battles in Illyricum and Germania; tracks him on his epic tour of the Eastern Mediterranean to Armenia and down the Nile; evaluates the possible causes of his death; and reports on the cruel fate his wife, Agrippina, and their children suffered at the hands of Praetorian Guard commander, and Tiberius's infamous deputy, Aelius Sejanus.

Ancient Rome on 5 Denarii a Day Philip Matyszak 2007-06-01 Welcome to Rome, city of the Caesars! This informative and entertaining guide provides

everything that any tourist needs for a journey back in time to ancient Rome in AD 200. All you need is your imagination and a toothbrush--this book does the rest, describing all the best places to stay and shop, what to do, and what to avoid. The guide first gives advice on arranging the sea journey to Italy, and then describes the road to Rome and what to see on each of the city's famous seven hills. You learn what to take to a posh dinner party (dining robe, your own napkin, and indoor shoes) and where to find the best markets, public baths, and brothels. A series of walks covers all the sights of the eternal city, from the opulence of an imperial palace on the Palatine Hill through the bustle of the Forum to the grandeur of temples such as the Pantheon. The largest and most populous city in the ancient world has more than one hundred spectacles to offer, including chariot races and events at the Colosseum where gladiators battle to the death. Witty and accessible, this book will appeal to history buffs, travelers, and anyone who has ever wondered what it would have been like to visit the greatest city of ancient times.

**Ancient Magic** Philip Matyszak 2019-02-14 An accessible historical exploration of the methods and motivations behind using magic in ancient Greece and Rome.

**Hercules** Philip Matyszak 2015-12-11 Hercules the superman, the monsterslaying machine, the myth - who was the man beneath the lionskin headdress, and does he really live up to his legend? This unique biography tells the story of the first superhero from his traumatic birth to his dramatic death. Hercules was more than just his twelve famous labours. He was a father, a lover, a leader of armies and a fine strategist. He was also a cattlethief, a murderer and a rapist. Using ancient sources from early Greece to the Late Roman Empire, this detailed biography fleshes out the character of one of the most complex and flawed heroes of Greek mythology. Philip Matyszak has a doctorate in Roman history from St John's College, Oxford University and is the author of many books on Ancient History including the best-selling "The Greek and Roman Myths: A Guide to the Classical Stories," "Ancient Rome of Five Denarii a Day" and "Legionary: The Roman Soldier's (Unofficial) Manual." He teaches e-learning courses in ancient History for the Institute of Continuing Education at Cambridge University. For more information visit: [www.matyszakbooks.com](http://www.matyszakbooks.com)

**The Roman Empire** Philip Matyszak 2014-04-03 No other political entity has shaped the modern world like the Roman Empire. Encompassing close to a quarter of the world's population and 3 million km<sup>2</sup> of land, it represented a diverse and dynamic collection of nations, states and tribes, all bound to Rome and the ideal of a Roman identity. In the lively and engaging style that he's known for, Philip Matyszak traces the history of the Roman Empire from the fall of the Assyrians and the rise of the Roman Republic through to the ages of expansion, crisis and eventual split. Breathing new life into these extraordinary events, Matyszak explains how the empire operated, deploying its incredibly military machine to conquer vast territory then naturalizing its subject peoples as citizens of Rome. It was a method of rule so sophisticated that loyalty to Rome remained strong even after its collapse creating an expansive legacy that continues to this day.

**24 Hours in Ancient Athens** Philip Matyszak 2019-04-18 Spend 24 hours with the ancient Athenians. See the city through their eyes as it teeters on the edge of the fateful war that would end its golden age. Athens, 416 BC. A tenuous peace holds. The city-state's political and military might are feared throughout the ancient world; it pushes the boundaries of social, literary and philosophical experimentation in an era when it has a greater concentration of geniuses per capita than at any other time in human history. Yet even geniuses go to the bathroom, argue with their spouse and enjoy a drink with friends. Few of the city's other inhabitants enjoy the benefits of such a civilized society, though - as multicultural and progressive as Athens can be, many are barred from citizenship. No, for the average person, life is about making ends meet, whether that be selling fish, guarding the temple or smuggling lucrative Greek figs. During the course of a day we meet 24 Athenians from all strata of society - from the slave-girl to the councilman, the vase painter to the naval commander, the housewife to the hoplite - and get to know what the real Athens was like by spending an hour in their company. We encounter a different one of these characters every chapter, with each chapter forming an hour in the life of the ancient city. We also get to spy on the daily doings of notable Athenians through the eyes of regular people as the city hovers on the brink of the fateful war that will destroy its golden age.