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Diary Of Dorkius Maximus In Pompeii

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Dorkius is annoyed when he has to move with his family to Pompeii for the summer. He has to leave behind all the joys of Rome for a boring small town. He finds the people of Pompeii to be even more superstitious than his mum, and watches in disbelief as they base all their decisions around animal innards readings.

Things brighten up when he meets a local girl called Decima who's convinced a demon is haunting nearby Mount Vesuvius. They go off to investigate and Dorkius finds that the demonic rumbles are coming from inside the volcano itself. Convinced that Vesuvius is about to erupt, Dorkius rushes down to the town to warn everyone, but they take no notice.

Dorkius and Fabricus flee the city and watch from a distance as the volcano erupts. When they get back to the town, they find that everyone survived, although there was minor damage to property. Dorkius warns the townsfolk that their city could face a more deadly eruption, but they refuse to worry about it as long as their animal innards tell them they're safe.

By award winning author Tim Collins, and with amusing illustrations from Andrew Pinder.

Sales Points

- Join Dorkius in his next adventure as his parents drag him away from all the joys of Rome to go and live in the boring backwater of Pompeii. Things brighten up when he makes friends with a girl called Decima. The pair hear rumours that a demon is haunting nearby Mount Vesuvius and they decide to investigate. Dorkius finds that the demonic rumbles are coming from inside the volcano itself and he doesn't like it one bit. Convinced Vesuvius is about to erupt, Dorkius rushes to the town to warn everyone ... but will they listen?
- The exciting third book in the *Dorkius Maximus* series by the award winning author, Tim Collins and with humorous illustrations by Andrew Pinder
- Fun and engaging website to support the series at <http://dorkiusmaximus.co.uk>

Reviews

- 'A historical, comedy, action, thriller, adventure romp... ancient world silliness, fart jokes and sinister murder plots' - *Big Issue*
- 'Fans of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* will love the adventures of Dorkius Maximus, a Roman boy who's planning to become a great hero' - *The School Run*
- 'A hilarious instalment of Dorkius' diary. The characters are fantastic and show the reader aspects of Roman history as well as bringing excitement and adventure' - *Families magazine*

Author Biography

Tim Collins is originally from Manchester, but now lives in London. He is the author of over thirty books including *Wimpy Vampire*, *Cosmic Colin* and *Dorkius Maximus*. His books have been translated into over twenty languages and he has won the Lincolnshire Young People's Book Award and Manchester Fiction City.