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## A

**ad** *towards, to*

**ambulā!** *Walk!*

cautē ambulā! *Walk cautiously!*

**ambulāre** *to walk*

ambulāre in fūnem *to walk onto a rope*

**ambulat** *walks*

in tabernam ambulat *walks into the shop*

nōn ambulat in fūnem *doesn't walk onto the rope*

**ambulātūra est** *is about to walk*

Poenica ambulātūra est *Poenica is about to walk*

**ambulāvērunt** *they walked*

in tabernam ambulāvērunt *walked into the shop*

**ambulāvī** *I walked*

nōn ambulāvī *I haven't walked*

**ambulāvistīne?** *Have you walked?*

ambulāvistīne in fūnem? *Have you ever walked onto a rope?*

**āthlētica** *athletic*

āthlētica sum *I'm athletic*

**āthlētīcē** *athletically*

**āthlētīcī** *athletic*

gladiātōrēs āthlētīcī *athletic gladiators*

**āthlētīcīssīmī** *very athletic*

gladiātōrēs āthlētīcīssīmī sunt *gladiators are very athletic*

**āthlētīcus** *athletic*

nōn sum āthlētīcus *I'm not athletic*

**atemptāre** *to attempt (i.e., to try)*

atemptāre in fūnem ambulāre *to attempt to walk onto the rope*

**atemptat** *attempts*

ambulāre in fūnem atemptat *attempts to walk onto a rope*

atemptat persuādēre *attempts to persuade*

**atemptāvit** *tried*

ambulāre in fūnem atemptāvit *tried to walk onto a rope*

atemptāvit persuādēre *tried to persuade*

## C

**cadit** *falls*

nōn cadit *doesn't fall*

**caeca** *blind*

caeca sum *I'm blind*

purpurāria caeca *a blind purple-dyer*

**Carpophore** *Carphorus (Crixafamma's gladiatorial rival)*

Carpophore "o Carphorus . . ." (*i.e., speaking to Carphorus*)

**Carpophorum** *Carphorus*

vidētur esse Carphorum *it seems to be Carphorus*

**Carpophorus** *Carphorus*

**cauta** *cautious, careful*

cautē *cautiously, carefully*

cautus *cautious, careful*

cautus erō *I'll be cautious, careful*

**color** *color*

colōrēs *colors*

colōrēs Tyrīi *Tyrian (i.e., purple) colors*

placent colōrēs *like colors*

colōribus *of colors*

multīs colōribus *of many colors*

**cōnsul** *consul (i.e., the highest level of Roman government)*

cōnsul nōn est *isn't a consul*

esne . . . cōnsul?! *What are you . . . a consul?!*

cōsulēs *consuls*

**Crixafamma** *Crixafamma (the best gladiator around)*

**Crixafammae** *for Crixafamma*

Crixafammae, difficile nōn est *for Crixafamma, it's not difficult*

**Crixafammam** *Crixafamma*

ferunt 'Crixafammam esse . . .' *They say that*

*Crixafamma is . . .*

ferunt 'Crixafammam nōn velle . . .' *They say that*

*Crixafamma doesn't want*

vult Crixafammam esse *wants Crixafamma to be*

**D****difficile** *difficult***difficillimum** *really difficult, most difficult***E****eram** *I was***erant** *they were***erat** *was***erō** *I will be***es** *you are***esne?** *Are you . . . ?***esse** *to be*ferunt 'Crixafammam esse . . .' *They say that Crixafamma is . . .*ferunt 'Terregem esse . . .' *They say that Terrex is . . .*videt Oenobatiātum esse *sees that Oenobatiatus is*vidētur Poenicae esse *it seems to Poenica that it's***est** *is***estne?** *Is . . . ?***et** *and***excellēns** *excellent*excellēns! *How excellent!*gladiātor excellēns *excellent gladiator*purpurāria excellēns *excellent purple-dyer***excellentem** *excellent*esse gladiātōrem excellentem *to be an excellent gladiator***excellenter** *excellently***excellētēs** *excellent*gladiātōrēs excellentēs *excellent gladiators*videt togās excellentēs *sees excellent togas***extraordināria** *extraordinary*

- fūnambula extraōrdināria *extraordinary tightrope walker*  
 purpurāria extraōrdināria *an extraordinary purple-dyer*  
**extraōrdināriās** *extraordinary*  
 gerō togās extraōrdināriās *I wear extraordinary togas*  
**extraōrdināriī** *extraordinary*  
 colōrēs extraōrdināriī *extraordinary colors*  
 fūnambulī extraōrdināriī *extraordinary tightrope walkers*  
**extraōrdinārium** *extraordinary*  
 extraōrdinārium! *How extraordinary!*  
 nōn vidēs Terregem Extraōrdinārium?! *You don't see The  
 Extraordinary Terrex?!*  
**extraōrdinārius** *extraordinary*  
 sum Terrex Extraōrdinārius! *I'm The Extraordinary Terrex!*

## F

### **feram** *I will bring*

feram mūricēs *I'll bring sea snails*

### **ferō** *I bring*

ferō mūricēs *I bring sea snails*

### **fert** *brings*

fert mūricēs *brings sea snails*

### **ferunt** *they say that (i.e., they carry the message that . . .)*

ferunt . . . *so they say . . .*

ferunt 'Crixafammam esse . . .' *They say that Crixafamma  
 is . . .*

ferunt 'Crixafammam nōn velle . . .' *They say that  
 Crixafamma doesn't want*

ferunt 'Poenicam esse . . .' *They say that Poenica is . . .*

ferunt 'Sextum habēre . . .' *They say that Sextus has . . .*

ferunt 'Terregem esse . . .' *They say that Terrex is . . .*

**fūnambula** *tightrope walker*fūnambula caeca *a blind tightrope walker*fūnambula nōn erō *I'll never be a tightrope walker*vult esse fūnambula *wants to be a tightrope walker***fūnambulam** *tightrope walker*esse fūnambulam *to be a tightrope walker***fūnambulī** *tightrope walkers*fūnambulī placent *likes tightrope walkers*sīmus fūnambulī! *Let's be tightrope walkers!***fūnambulūm** *tightrope walker*esse fūnambulūm *to be a tightrope walker***fūnambulū** *tightrope walker*vult esse fūnambulū *wants to be a tightrope walker***fūnem** *rope*ambulāre in fūnem *to walk onto a rope*fūnem habēre *to have a rope*vidēre fūnem *to see a rope***fūnis** *rope***G****gerere** *to wear*gerere togam pictam *to wear the toga picta***gerit** *wears*togam purpuream nōn gerit *doesn't wear a purple toga***gerō** *I wear*gerō pretiōsa *I wear precious things*gerō togam praetextam *I wear the toga praetexta*gerō togās *I wear togas***gerunt** *they wear*nōn gerunt Tyria *don't wear Tyrian (i.e., purple) things*



togās nōn gerunt *don't wear togas*  
 togās pictās gerunt *wear togas pictae*  
 suffībula gerunt *wear purple-trimmed veils*

**gladiātor** *gladiator (i.e., arena fighter)*

**gladiātōrem** *gladiator*

esse gladiātōrem *excellentem to be an excellent gladiator*  
 gladiātōrem vidēre *to see a gladiator*  
 vidētur esse gladiātōrem *seems to be a gladiator*

**gladiātōrēs** *gladiators*

## H

**habeō** *I have*

habeō! *"I do have it!"*  
 habeō suffībulum *I have a Vestal veil*  
 habeō togās *I have togas*  
 nōn habeō mūricēs *I don't have sea snails*

**habēre** *to have*

ferunt 'Sextum habēre . . .' *They say that Sextus has . . .*  
 habēre togam *to have a toga*  
 nōn possunt habēre *aren't able to have*

**habēs** *you have*

habēs fūnem?! *You have a rope?!*  
 habēs 'multōs' mūricēs?! *You have "many" sea snails?!*  
 habēs vīvidās togās Tyriās *you have vivid Tyrian (i.e.,  
 purple) togas*  
 nōn habēs mūricēs? *You don't have sea snails?*

**habēsne?** *Do you have . . . ?*

habēsne togās praetextās? *Do you have togas praetextae?*

**habet** *has*

fūnem *habet has a rope*

multās togās Tyriās habet *has many Tyrian (i.e., purple) togas*  
 mūricēs habet *has sea snails*  
 tabernam habet *has a shop*

**heus!** *Hey!*

## I

**impatiens** *impatient*

**impatientem** *impatient*

esse impatientem *being impatient*

**impatienter** *impatiently*

**impatientissima** *really impatient*

**impatientissimē** *really impatiently*

**in** *in, on, into*

## M

**multās** *many*

gerō multās togās *I wear many togas*

habēre multās togās *to have many togas*

multās togās purpurat *purples many togas*

septimānās multās *after many weeks*

videt multās togās *sees many togas*

**multī** *many*

multī colōrēs *many colors*

multī mūricēs *many sea snails*

multī Rōmānī *many Romans*

**multīs** *many, of many*

in septimānīs multīs *within many weeks*

multīs colōribus *of many colors*

**multōs** *many*

habēre multōs mūricēs *to have many sea snails*  
**mūricēs** *the sea snails from which purple dye came*  
 ferre mūricēs *to bring sea snails*  
 habēre mūricēs *to have sea snails*  
**mūricum** *sea snails*  
 XII mūricum *12,000 sea snails*

## N

**nōn** *not, doesn't*

## O

**Oenobatiāte** *Oenobatiatus (Crixafamma's gladiator trainer)*  
 Oenobatiāte *"o Oenobatiatus . . ." (i.e., speaking to Oenobatiatus)*  
**Oenobatiātō** *Oenobatiatus*  
 persuādēre Oenobatiātō *to persuade Oenobatiatus*  
**Oenobatiātum** *Oenobatiatus*  
 videt Oenobatiātum esse *sees that Oenobatiatus is*  
**Oenobatiātus** *Oenobatiatus*

## P

**persuādēns** *persuading*  
 persuādēns Oenobatiātō *persuading Oenobatiatus*  
**persuādēre** *to persuade*  
 persuādēre Oenobatiātō *to persuade Oenobatiatus*  
 persuādēre Terregī *to persuade Terrex*  
**persuādētur** *is persuaded*  
 persuādētur nōn est *isn't persuaded*

**picta** *toga picta* (i.e., a super fancy embroidered toga reserved for consuls, emperors, triumphs, etc.)

**pictam** *toga picta*

habēre togam pictam *to have a toga picta*

**pictās** *togas pictae*

togās pictās gerunt *wear togas pictae*

**placent** *likes (more than one thing)*

Poenicae placent *Poenica likes*

Rōmānīs placent *Romans like*

Rūfō placent *Rūfus likes*

Sextō placent *Sextus likes*

Terregī placent *Terrex likes*

valdē placent *really likes*

**placet** *likes (one thing)*

Terrex nōn placet *doesn't like Terrex*

**Poenica** *our immigrant purple-dyer from Tyre (i.e., Lebanon); also means "Phoenician" (the people of ancient Lebanon); can also mean "purple"*

**Poenicae** *Poenica's, Poenica*

in tabernā Poenicae *in Poenica's shop*

in tabernam Poenicae *into Poenica's shop*

Poenicae nōn placet *Poenica doesn't like*

vidētur Poenicae *it seems to Poenica that*

**Poenicam** *Poenica*

ferunt 'Poenicam esse . . .' *They say that Poenica is . . .*

Poenicam videt *sees Poenica*

vult Poenicam esse *wants Poenica to be*

vult Poenicam purpurāre *wants Poenica to purple*

**possum** *I'm able, I can*

nōn possum vidēre *I'm not able to see*

possum ambulāre in fūnem *I can walk onto a rope*

possum purpurāre togās *I'm able to purple togas*

**possunt** *they are able, they can*

nōn possunt habēre *can't have*

possunt esse pretiōsissimī *can be really valuable*

**potes** *you are able, you can*

nōn potes gerere *you can't wear*

potes esse *you're able to be*

**potesne?** *Are you able . . ? Can you . . ?*

potesne purpurāre? *Can you purple?*

**potest** *is able, can*

ambulāre in fūnem nōn potest *isn't able to walk onto a rope*

nōn potest gerere *isn't able to wear*

nōn potest vidēre *isn't able to see*

**potestne?** *Is he able . . ?*

potestne esse? *Is he able to be . . ?*

**potuit** *was able*

in fūnem ambulāre nōn potuit *wasn't able to walk onto  
the rope*

**praetextam** *toga praetexta (i.e., toga with a purple-striped border  
that was worn by young boys from more-privileged families)*

gerō togam praetextam *I wear the toga praetexta*

purpurāre togam praetextam *to purple a toga praetexta*

voluit togam praetextam *wanted a toga praetexta*

**praetextās** *togas praetextae*

gerō togās praetextās *I wear togas praetextae*

habēre togās praetextās *to have togas praetextae*

**pretiōsa** *precious things (i.e., valuable, expensive)*

gerō pretiōsa *I wear precious things*

**pretiōsī** *precious*

colōrēs purpureī pretiōsī *precious purple colors*

colōrēs Tyriī pretiōsī *precious Tyrian (i.e., purple) colors*

**pretiōsissima** *really precious, expensive things*

gerō pretiōsissima *I wear really expensive things*

pretiōsissima placent *likes really precious things*

**pretiōsissimae** *really precious*

togae purpureae pretiōsissimae *really precious purple togas*

**pretiōsissimās** *really expensive*

gerō togās pretiōsissimās *I wear really expensive togas*

**pretiōsissimī** *really valuable*

gladiātōrēs pretiōsissimī *really valuable gladiators*

possunt esse pretiōsissimī *they can be really valuable*

**purpurābit** *will purple (i.e., will dye purple)*

purpurābit togam Terregī *will purple a toga for Terrex*

**purpurābitur** *will be purpled*

purpurābitur in septimānā *will be purpled within a week*

**purpurandam** *being purpled*

ad togam purpurandam *for purpleing a toga*

**purpurandum** *being purpled*

suffibulum ad purpurandum a Vestal veil *to be purpled*

**purpurāre** *to purple*

purpurāre togam *to purple a toga*

suffibulum purpurāre *to purple a Vestal veil*

**purpurārī** *to be purpled*

togam purpurārī vult *wants a toga to be purpled*

**purpurat** *purples*

togās purpurat *purples togas*

**purpurātae sunt** *were purpled*

togae purpurātae sunt *togas were purpled*

**purpurātūra est** *about to purple*

purpurātūra est togam *is about to purple the toga*

**purpurāvistī** *you have purpled*

purpurāvistī togās multās *you've purpled many togas*

**purpurāria** *a purple-dyer (i.e., someone who dyes clothes purple)*

vult esse purpurāria *wants to be a purple-dyer*

**purpurāriae** *of a purple-dyer*

in tabernā purpurāriae *in the shop of a purple-dyer*

**purpurāriam** *purple-dyer*

ferunt 'purpurāriam esse . . .' *They say that the purple-dyer is . . .*

**purpureae** *purple*

togae purpureae *purple togas*

**purpuream** *purple*

togam purpuream nōn gerit *doesn't wear a purple toga*

velle togam purpuream *to want a purple toga*

**purpureās** *purple*

gerō togās purpureās *I wear purple togas*

habēō multās togās purpureās *I have many purple togas*

videt togās purpureās *sees purple togas*

volunt togās purpureās *they want purple togas*

**purpureī** *purple*

colōrēs purpureī *purple colors*

**purpureus** *purple*

color purpureus *a purple color*

## Q

**quoque** *also*

## R

**rīdiculissimum** *really ridiculous, most ridiculous*

esse rīdiculissimum *being the most ridiculous*

**rīdiculum** *ridiculous*

esse Rōmānum rīdiculum *is being a ridiculous Roman*  
 est rīdiculum! *It's ridiculous!*

**Rōmae** *in Rome*

**Rōmānī** *Romans*

**Rōmānīs** *Romans*

Rōmānīs in tabernā *with Romans in the shop*

Rōmānīs placent *Romans like*

**Rōmānum** *the Roman*

esse Rōmānum rīdiculum *is being a ridiculous Roman*

Rōmānum vidēre *to see the Roman*

**Rōmānus** *a Roman*

**Rūfe** *“o Rufus . . .” (i.e., speaking to Rufus)*

**Rūfī** *of Rufus*

ad togam Rūfī purpurandam *for purpling Rufus' toga*

toga Rūfī *Rufus' toga*

**Rūfō** *Rufus*

purpurāre togam Rūfō *to purple a toga for Rufus*

Rūfō in tabernā *with Rufus in the shop*

Rūfō placent *Rufus likes*

**Rūfum** *Rufus*

vidētur esse Rūfum *it seems that it's Rufus*

**Rūfus** *Rufus, Sextus' friend*

## S

**sed** *but*

**septimānā** *a week*

purpurābitur in septimānā *will be purpled within a week*

**septimānās** *weeks*

septimānās multās *after many weeks*

**septimānīs** *weeks*



in septimānīs multīs *within many weeks*

**Sexte** “o Sextus . . .” (*i.e., speaking to Sextus*)

**Sextō** *Sextus*

Sextō in tabernā *with Sextus in the shop*

Sextō placent *Sextus likes*

**Sextum** *Sextus (a friend of Rufus)*

ferunt ‘Sextum habēre . . .’ *They say that Sextus has . . .*

Sextum vidēre *to see Sextus*

vidētur esse Sextum *it seems that it’s Sextus*

**Sextus** *Sextus*

**sīmus!** *Let’s be!*

sīmus fūnambulī! *Let’s be tightrope walkers!*

**subitō!** *Suddenly!*

**suffibula** *special veils with purple trim worn by Vestals*

nōn videō suffibula *I don’t see any Vestal veils*

purpurāre suffibula *to purple Vestal veils*

suffibula gerunt *wear purple-trimmed veils*

**suffibulō** *Vestal veil*

in suffibulō *on the Vestal veil*

**suffibulum** *Vestal veil*

habeō suffibulum *I have a Vestal veil*

suffibulum purpurāre *to purple a Vestal veil*

**sum** *I am*

sum! *“It’s me!”*

**sunt** *there are, they are*

**suntne?** *Are . . . ?*

## T

**taberna** *shop*

taberna Poenicae est Rōmae *Poenica’s shop is in Rome*

**tabernā** *shop*

in tabernā Poenicae *in Poenica's shop*

Rōmānīs in tabernā *with Romans in the shop*

Rūfō in tabernā *with Rufus in the shop*

Sextō in tabernā *with Sextus in the shop*

**tabernam** *a shop*

in tabernam ambulat *walks into the shop*

tabernam habet *has a shop*

**Terregem** *Terrex (i.e., an arrogant Roman who is a big jerk)*

ferunt 'Terregem esse . . .' *They say that Terrex is . . .*

nōn vidēs Terregem Extraordinārium?! *You don't see The  
Extraordinary Terrex?!*

vidētur Terregem esse *it seems that Terrex is*

**Terregī** *Terrex*

persuādēre Terregī *to persuade Terrex*

purpurābit togam Terregī *will purple a toga for Terrex*

Terregī placent *Terrex likes*

**Terrex** *Terrex***Tiberī** *"o Tiberius . . ." (i.e., speaking to Tiberius, Rufus' father)***Tiberius** *Tiberius***toga** *toga (the Roman clothing)***togae** *togas***togam** *toga*

ad togam Rūfī purpurandam *for purpling Rufus' toga*

gerere togam purpuream *to wear a purple toga*

habēre togam *to have a toga*

purpurāre togam *to purple a toga*

velle togam *to want a toga*

**togās** *togas*

habēre togās *to have togas*

togās gerere *to wear togas*

togās purpurat *purples togas*

videt togās *sees togas*

volunt togās *purpureās they want purple togas*

**Tyria** *Tyrian (i.e., from Tyre [modern Lebanon], where sea snails for dyeing came from); “Tyrian” can also mean “purple”*

habēre Tyria *to have Tyrian (i.e., purple) things*

nōn gerunt Tyria *don’t wear Tyrian (i.e., purple) things*

Poenica Tyria *Tyrian Poenica*

**Tyriam** *Tyrian*

togam Tyriam gerere *to wear a Tyrian (i.e., purple) toga*

volō habēre togam Tyriam *I want a Tyrian (i.e., purple) toga*

**Tyriās** *Tyrian*

togās Tyriās habēre *to have Tyrian (i.e., purple) togas*

volō togās Tyriās *I want Tyrian (i.e., purple) togas*

**Tyriī** *Tyrian*

colōrēs Tyriī *Tyrian (i.e., purple) colors*

mūricēs Tyriī *Tyrian sea snails*

**Tyriōs** *Tyrian*

habeō mūricēs Tyriōs multōs *I have many Tyrian sea snails*

**Tyrius** *Tyrian*

sum Terrex Tyrius! *I’m Tyrian Terrex!*

## V

**valdē** *very, really*

**velle** *to want*

ferunt ‘Crixafammam nōn velle . . .’ *They say that*

*Crixafamma doesn’t want*

**Vestālem** *Vestal (i.e., a sacred, highly-honored priestess of Rome)*

Vestālem vidēre *to see the Vestal*

vidētur esse Vestālem *it seems that it’s a Vestal*

**Vestālēs** *Vestals*

**Vestālis** *Vestal*

**videō** *I see*

nōn videō suffibula *I don't see any Vestal veils*

**vidēre** *to see*

nōn potest vidēre *isn't able to see*

Rōmānum vidēre *to see the Roman*

Sextum vidēre *to see Sextus*

Vestālem vidēre *to see the Vestal*

**vidēs** *you see*

nōn vidēs Terregem Extraordinārium?! *You don't see The*

*Extraordinary Terrex?!*

**videt** *sees*

Poenicam videt *sees Poenica*

videt fūnem *sees a rope*

videt multās togās *sees many togas*

videt Denobatiātum esse *sees that Denobatiatus is*

videt togās *sees togas*

**vidētur** *it seems*

vidētur esse *it seems that it's*

vidētur Terregem esse *it seems that Terrex is*

**vīdit** *saw*

fūnem vīdit *saw a rope*

**vīs** *you want*

vīs esse fūnambula?! *You want to be a tightrope walker?!*

vīs togam pictam?! *You want a toga picta?!*

**vīsne?** *Do you want . . . ?*

vīsne esse? *Do you want to be . . . ?*

vīsne togam? *Do you want a toga?*

**vīvidae** *vivid (i.e., intensely clear or bright)*

togae vīvidae *vivid togas*

**vīvidās** *vivid*

gerō togās vīvidās *I wear vivid togas*

habēs vīvidās togās Tyriās *you have vivid Tyrian (i.e., purple) togas*

**vīvidī** *vivid*

colōrēs vīvidī *vivid colors*

**vīvidissimī** *really vivid*

colōrēs vīvidissimī *really vivid colors*

**volō** *I want*

volō attemptāre *I want to attempt*

volō fūnambula esse *I want to be a tightrope walker*

volō habēre *I want to have*

volō purpurāre togam *I want to purple a toga*

volō togam purpurārī *I want the toga to be purpled*

volō togam purpuream *I want a purple toga*

**voluit** *wanted*

voluit togam praetextam *wanted a toga praetexta*

**volunt** *they want*

volunt togās purpureās *want purple togas*

**vult** *wants*

togam purpurārī *vult wants a toga to be purpled*

vult ambulāre *wants to walk*

vult Crixafammam esse *wants Crixafamma to be*

vult esse *wants to be*

vult persuādere Oenobatiātō *wants to persuade*

*Oenobatiatus*

vult Poenicam esse *wants Poenica to be*

vult Poenicam purpurāre *wants Poenica to purple*

vult togam *wants a toga*

**vultne?** *Does he want . . . ?*

vultne togam? *Does he want a toga?*



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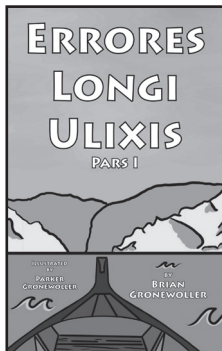
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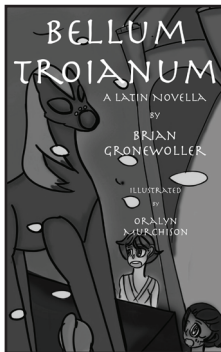
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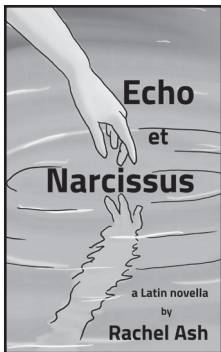
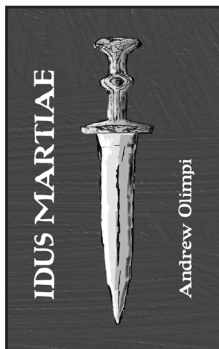
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The gods and goddesses of Mount Olympus are enjoying themselves at a party when, suddenly, an apple addressed "to the most beautiful" appears in their midst. The ensuing fight for the apple between Juno, Minerva, and Venus soon spills over to earth and pulls Paris, Helen, Menelaus, Agamemnon, Hector, and Achilles into ten years of war between Greece and Troy.

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by Andrew Olimpi

It's 44 BC, and strange things are happening in Rome. A sacrificed bull is found to have no heart. Senators are meeting in houses secretly, speaking in whispers and hiding in the shadows. A soothsayer is warning people in the streets to "beware the Ides of March." Mysterious boxes are beginning to turn up . . . containing daggers. Pompeia, her brother Cornelius, and her friend Roscus set out to investigate these strange happenings and soon find themselves entangled in a web of intrigue, deception . . . and murder!



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