

1: The Fires of Vesuvius - Mary Beard - Google Books

Pompeii is the most famous archaeological site in the world, visited by more than two million people each year. Yet it is also one of the most puzzling, with an intriguing and sometimes violent history, from the sixth century BCE to the present day.

Full of enjoyment and discoveries. But then a prized possession of mine when young was a mug for drinking tea - for drinking wine at a young age was not cultural acceptable sadly during my childhood - it was decorated in blue and black with lava swamping the neat columns of Pompeii, a legend read: Eventually the glaze was so cracked that the vessel had to be demoted to desk tidy. But this must have been after many thousands of mugs of tea. So A rich and thoughtfully structured text. So I am plainly a biased witness. This is not the kind of book to read if you like to be told a simple story - this is how it was- FACT! Because what Beard does is point out the kind of issues which are unclear and up for debate about Pompeii and lay out some of the evidence , and she takes time to explain her statements. It is thoughtfully integrated - with lots of illustrations. In addition s Beard says - you tend to find what you seek and in so far as early interpreters were obsessed with brothels and bars - they found them everywhere although all we have are the physical remains of buildings - in which in most cases the upper stories have collapsed into the lowest one and with minimal bric a brac from daily life. Pompeii was a fairly odd place. There had been an earthquake in 62 AD and some tremors had occurred before the eruption many building were under repair on the cities final day - with scaffolding, plaster and paint pots left in place. Sulla had besieged it during the Social war - lead shot fired by his soldiers has been found alongside the fragments of allied bombs in the ruins. Sulla declared the town a colony after his victory and settled a contingent of his veterans there. However it was not a major Italian city and there is no way of knowing how typical or atypical it was compared with other towns with colonial status. The election posters Beard mentions - painted up over the city were not all from immediately before the eruption of Vesuvius, but ran back over some generations. From these some attempt has been made to construct or understand the political life of the city. The city was a major producer of Garem - a fermented fish condiment, strikingly a kosher version was also manufactured. The streets were prone to flooding - which was a benefit since they were also used as sewers and toilets. There was a lot of graffiti - mostly in Latin, but some in Greek and Oscan the local pre-Latin language, dying out during this period and one in Hebrew - some of these were literary quotes - partly famous lines from Virgil along side cruder texts. Chapters look at various aspects of daily life: But what you are probably wondering about are the penises and lewd pictures. For centuries many of these objects were kept in secret collections and not on public display, they are though a visible reminder of the difference between the ancient Romans and modern peoples who would not put up a picture of a Priapus to ward off thieves and burglars with the threat of extreme sexual violence from a God with a permanent erection. There are several themes running through the book - you find what you look for and how this unique archaeological discovery has affected understanding of early Imperial Rome and shows it to be more of a fast food, cash and carry and smelly place - many houses had only the one toilet - and that in a corner of the kitchen so at least we can imagine now the smell of Roman Italy.

2: The Fires of Pompeii - Wikipedia

The Fires of Vesuvius has 1, ratings and reviews. Matt said: Pompeii is the most famous dead city in the world. In 79 CE, Mount Vesuvius erupted a.

To put it plainly, a plot line revolving around walking human body fat sucks pretty badly. What happened to the good old classic alien, made with a rubber costume and a realistic agenda? You know what our fatty friends did? But I did, and once again I was thoroughly disappointed. To put it into perspective for those who liked this episode, think back to the first of the new series. Those episodes were carefully crafted. They were equipped with realistic plot lines, special effects that were actually special, three-dimensional characters, and acting that was spot-on. Now think about the Fires of Pompeii. The regression is quite drastic. The Unquiet Dead and Shakespeare Code literally brought you back in time. You actually felt as though you were in Victorian Cardiff and 16th Century London. That is what the Doctor is supposed to do; make his audience feel as though they are passengers in the Tardis too. In Pompeii, it felt like you were walking onto a set and nothing more. The Roman quality of Pompeii was not noticeable. The Romans spoke with enormous British accents, and they said things that you would hear walking on the streets of modern London. I know for a fact that back then, no matter how well your spaceship translated for you, the people of long ago had a very unique way of speaking. Either way, it was lame. The Doctor seems to have nothing new to say. I hardly notice him at all. He says things recycled from better episodes, and he simply kills each new foe with the turn of a switch, a shrill noise, a water pistol! He has no challenge. All of his enemies are painfully contrived plot-devices. In Partners In Crime, our fatty blobs were there for one reason: In "Pompeii", the volcano beast was there for one reason: It is about the relationship between a younger better Timelord and his hot new female companion, with a few aliens and CGI to spice things up. Not only were these bad guys plot devices, they were also very unoriginal and posed no real threat. We want bad guys who are cunning, ruthless, and frightening. We want to see them succeed in their plans and push him to his very limit. Will we ever again be faced with the ingenuity of Nanogenes and Weeping Angels? They were nothing but fire breathing rocks wanting yet again to do what children? Take over the world? Probably something to do with another home planet being destroyed. But how do you defeat these things? It must be really tough. Finally, here is the real clincher. The Doctor said something very interesting which I actually happened to remember. In fact, it was a continuity error and screamed of Deus Ex Machina. It seems Donna wanted to warn all the Romans that Vesuvius would erupt, thus saving 30, people from burning to death. It can happen no other way! Rose and the Doctor are trapped in a dungeon, being assaulted by zombies. The past you know can change like that! And it is as annoying as hell. He says he knows what he is doing, but it makes no sense to anyone. But for now I will remain in a dark place, dreaming of the past. I really want to enjoy it again with the rest of you. Was this review helpful to you?

3: The Fires of Vesuvius ~ A Capsule Book Review | Literary Fictions

*Destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 CE, the ruins of Pompeii offer the best evidence we have of life in the Roman Empire. But the eruptions are only part of the story. In *The Fires of Vesuvius*, acclaimed historian Mary Beard makes sense of the remains.*

Beard splendidly recreates the life and times of Pompeii in a work that is part archeology and part history. She examines the full scope of life, from houses, occupations, government, food and wine to sex, and the baths, recreation and religion Publishers Weekly starred review [A] wry, recondite and colorful story of what is known and what is conjectured about life in Pompeii before the fall Like a canny cook making a banquet from scant means, Beard creates a living Pompeii for the reader from the hard evidence at her disposal. For a historian such as Beard, drawing on the latest archaeological findings, it is possible to write with authority how people of the first century ate their meals and lighted their homes, earned a living, governed themselves and attended to their bodily needs. For her--as she shows in this book--Pompeii is not a dead but a living city. But as vivid and detailed a depiction as Beard is able to provide, what is equally fascinating about Pompeii is how much we do not know Beard calls this the "Pompeii paradox," the fact that "we simultaneously know a huge amount and very little about life there. Oddly familiar images of daily life two millennia distant are juxtaposed with a sense of impenetrable mystery. To read this book is to agree. She shows conclusively that the city was not entirely taken unawares by the eruption. Powers Boston Globe In this lively survey, Beard, a classicist at Cambridge, tempers erudition with a skepticism toward interpretive overreach. New Yorker Engrossingly mischievous Beard takes cheeky, undisguised delight in puncturing the many fantasies and misconceptions that have grown up around Pompeii--sown over the years by archaeologists and classicists no less than Victorian novelists and makers of "sword and sandal" film extravaganzas. While many scholars build careers through increasingly elaborate reconstructions of the ancient world, Beard consistently stresses the limits of our knowledge, the precariousness of our constructs and the ambiguity or contradiction inherent in many of our sources. This is a wonderful book, for the impressive depth of information it comfortably embraces, for its easygoing erudition and, not least, for its chatty, personable style. And travelers will welcome her practical advice on making a visit. Vogue UK It is the long vanished life of Pompeii that Mary Beard evokes in all its detail and complexity in her new book She gives us Pompeii itself, with its smells and swill, its sex and superstition, its poverty and pathos. It is a wholly successful evocation, pieced together from a deep knowledge of a frighteningly large bibliography. Alternately recreating daily life and picking, brick by symbolic brick, at the abundant archaeological and psychological detritus, she proceeds to exhume, analyze, and reconstitute the time and place in a manner pleasing to traditionalists, revisionists, and inevitabilists alike. More than two centuries of tourism and excavation have left a legacy of assumptions that cloud our understanding of the site--and, since Pompeii contains some of the best evidence about daily life in the Roman world, about Rome itself. *The Fires of Vesuvius* lays out decades of specialist debate in clear, reader-friendly prose. A leading historian of Roman culture, a prolific essayist and an irrepressible blogger, Beard punctures conventional pieties about history and culture with formidable scholarly authority, always paying keen attention to the layering effects of the passage of time With *The Fires of Vesuvius*, Beard has produced a lusciously detailed, erudite account of life in ancient Pompeii The challenge of *The Fires of Vesuvius* rests in the way that its portrait of Pompeii overturns longstanding conceptions about the empire to which the city belonged. With its focus on labor, education and religion, *The Fires of Vesuvius* is a testament to how much Roman studies has to offer the contemporary political imagination. Well-informed in the latest research in demography, the history of Roman politics, architecture, ancient economics, feminist and post-colonial studies, Beard probes the experience of men and women, free and slave, rich and poor

4: The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found - Mary Beard - Google Books

The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found was the main source for my research project and provided me with much information about Pompeii. For me, there was unneeded information that had little significance to the book.

After an earthquake and witnessing a nearby mountain begin to smoulder, he realises he has in fact materialised in Pompeii one day before the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Unknown to them, they have been followed by a soothsayer who reports to the Sibylline Sisterhood that the prophesied man in the blue box has arrived, and the Sisters fear the prediction that his arrival brings fire and death. The circuit prop, on display at the Doctor Who Experience At the house, the Doctor and Donna meet the local augur, Lucius Petrus Dextrus, who has arrived to collect a sculpture he commissioned. The Doctor is intrigued by the sculpture, which resembles a segment of an oversized circuit board. Inside, the Doctor deduces that the circuits will make an energy converter, but he is caught by Lucius Petrus. The two escape, but Lucius Petrus beckons a large stone creature to attack and kill them. In the confusion, the Sisterhood kidnap Donna, and the Doctor sets off to rescue her. He meets the high priestess of the Sisterhood, who is revealed to be transforming into a stone creature. The Doctor discovers that they are being controlled by the Pyroviles, volcanic creatures whose home planet of Pyrovia was lost. The Doctor is attacked by the Sisterhood, but he escapes with Donna into an underground tunnel that leads into the heart of Mount Vesuvius. The Doctor discovers that the volcano is being used by the Pyroviles to convert the human race and conquer Earth. The Doctor realises the volcano will not erupt if the energy converter is running, and tells Donna that the volcanic eruption is a fixed point in time and must always happen. The Doctor and Donna get into an escape pod and together press a lever which overloads the converter and triggers the eruption, killing the Pyroviles and launching the pod clear of the blast. However, Donna tearfully begs him to go back and at least save one person, regardless of who it is. The Doctor finally relents and goes back for Caecilius and his family. He leaves them on a hill overlooking the destruction, and together with Donna slips out quietly as the family mourns Pompeii. The Doctor comments to Donna that she was right - he does need someone to stop him. Six months later in Rome, Caecilius and his family are shown to be successful; he is running a profitable business, Evelina has a social life in comparison to her seclusion in Pompeii, and his son Quintus is studying to become a doctor. Writing[edit] How does [the Doctor] decide who lives, who dies, when to intervene, and when not to? If you do save them, where do you stop? Do you remake the universe according to what you think is right and wrong? James Moran [5] Executive producer Russell T Davies originally planned to include a serial set in Pompeii in the first new series of Doctor Who, after seeing the documentary Pompeii: The episode was written by James Moran, who previously wrote the film Severance and the Torchwood episode " Sleeper "; Moran was requested to write the episode as a consequence of the latter. This episode creates an alternate ending to their story, where they are all rescued by the Doctor and move to Rome. The aftermath of the eruption was filmed on the same night as the location shots. To create the falling ash, the special effects team used a large mass of cork, with a "constant supply of debris raining down". Casting director Andy Pryor suggested her to new executive producer Steven Moffat based on her performance in this episode as one of the soothsayers. He surmises that he subconsciously chose this face for his current regeneration as a reminder that his job is to save lives. Capaldi also played John Frobisher throughout Children of Earth, the third series in the Doctor Who spin-off Torchwood, although no similar connection has been made on-screen to this character. For me, that short scene was the emotional highpoint of a series of heart-rending scenes, each with Donna at their heart. Scott Matthewman, The Stage [2] Overnight figures estimated the episode was watched by 8. The consolidated figure was 9. The episode was the tenth most-watched programme of the week and received an Appreciation Index score of 87 considered Excellent. Ian Hyland, writing for News of the World, said that Tate "was almost bearable this week". He also complimented the "TK Maximus" [27] joke. He closed saying "this week was a hundred times better than that lame opening episode. Scarier aliens, stronger guest stars and a proper adult-friendly storyline involving sisterhoods and soothsayers. He was highly appreciative of Tate, saying "[she] moved even further away from her "Runaway" character that initially joined the show. However, he disapproved of the use of

Cockney colloquialisms in the episode, most notably the Stallholder Phil Cornwell saying " lovely jubbly " .

5: IN PICTURES: Fire rages at Italy's Mount Vesuvius - The Local

The forum at Pompeii, with Mt. Vesuvius in the background. Credit Underwood & Underwood. A disheartening aspect of the book is the great number of paintings and painted signs, mentioned by Beard.

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6: *The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found* by Beard, Mary | eBay

-- The pleasures of the body: food, wine, sex and baths -- Fun and games -- A city full of gods Destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 CE, the ruins of Pompeii offer the best evidence we have of life in the Roman Empire. But the eruptions are only part of the story.

7: The Fires of Vesuvius – Mary Beard | Harvard University Press

The fires around Mount Vesuvius are under control, thanks to the hard work done by firefighters, but geologists fear that mudflows could now occur on the denuded slopes.

8: The Fires of Vesuvius: Pompeii Lost and Found by Mary Beard

"The Fires of Pompeii" is the second episode of the fourth series of the British science fiction television series Doctor Who. It was broadcast on BBC One on 12 April Set shortly before and during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79, this episode depicts alien time traveller the Doctor (David Tennant) and his new companion Donna Noble (Catherine Tate) on a trip to Pompeii, where.

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On Wednesday morning, the national fire service said it was involved in operations across the country, including wildfires, of which those at Vesuvius were among the most serious.

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