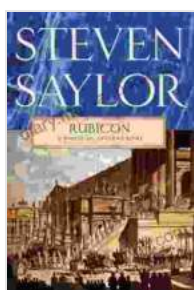


# The Roma Sub Rosa: A Novel of Ancient Rome

The Roma Sub Rosa is a historical novel set in ancient Rome. The novel follows the story of a young woman named Gaia who is forced to become a prostitute after her family is killed. Gaia is drawn into a world of violence and corruption, but she never gives up hope of finding a better life.



## Rubicon: A Novel of Ancient Rome (The Roma Sub Rosa series Book 7) by Steven Saylor

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The novel is set in the year 82 AD, during the reign of Emperor Domitian. Rome is a city of contrasts, where wealth and poverty live side by side. Gaia is born into a poor family, and her life is a constant struggle. When her family is killed, she is forced to turn to prostitution to survive.

Gaia is taken in by a brothel madam named Julia. Julia is a cruel and heartless woman, who treats her girls like slaves. Gaia is forced to endure beatings, rape, and other forms of abuse. But despite the horrors she

experiences, Gaia never gives up hope. She dreams of a better life, and she knows that she must find a way to escape from the brothel.

One day, Gaia meets a young man named Marcus. Marcus is a Roman soldier, and he is kind and compassionate. Gaia falls in love with Marcus, and he promises to help her escape from the brothel. Together, they plot to overthrow Julia and free the other girls who are trapped in her clutches.

The Roma Sub Rosa is a gripping and suspenseful novel that offers a unique glimpse into the lives of women in ancient Rome. Gaia is a strong and courageous woman, and her story is both heartbreaking and inspiring. The novel is a must-read for anyone who is interested in ancient history or historical fiction.

## **Author**

The Roma Sub Rosa was written by Steven Saylor, an American author of historical novels. Saylor is best known for his Roma Sub Rosa series, which follows the adventures of Gordianus the Finder, a private investigator in ancient Rome. The Roma Sub Rosa has been praised for its accurate portrayal of ancient Roman life and its suspenseful plots.

## **Themes**

The Roma Sub Rosa explores a number of themes, including:

- The power of hope
- The resilience of the human spirit
- The importance of family and friendship
- The evils of slavery and prostitution

- The corruption of power

## **Characters**

The Roma Sub Rosa features a cast of well-developed and complex characters. The main characters are:

- Gaia: A young woman who is forced to become a prostitute
- Julia: A cruel and heartless brothel madam
- Marcus: A Roman soldier who falls in love with Gaia
- Gordianus the Finder: A private investigator who helps Gaia escape from the brothel

## **Setting**

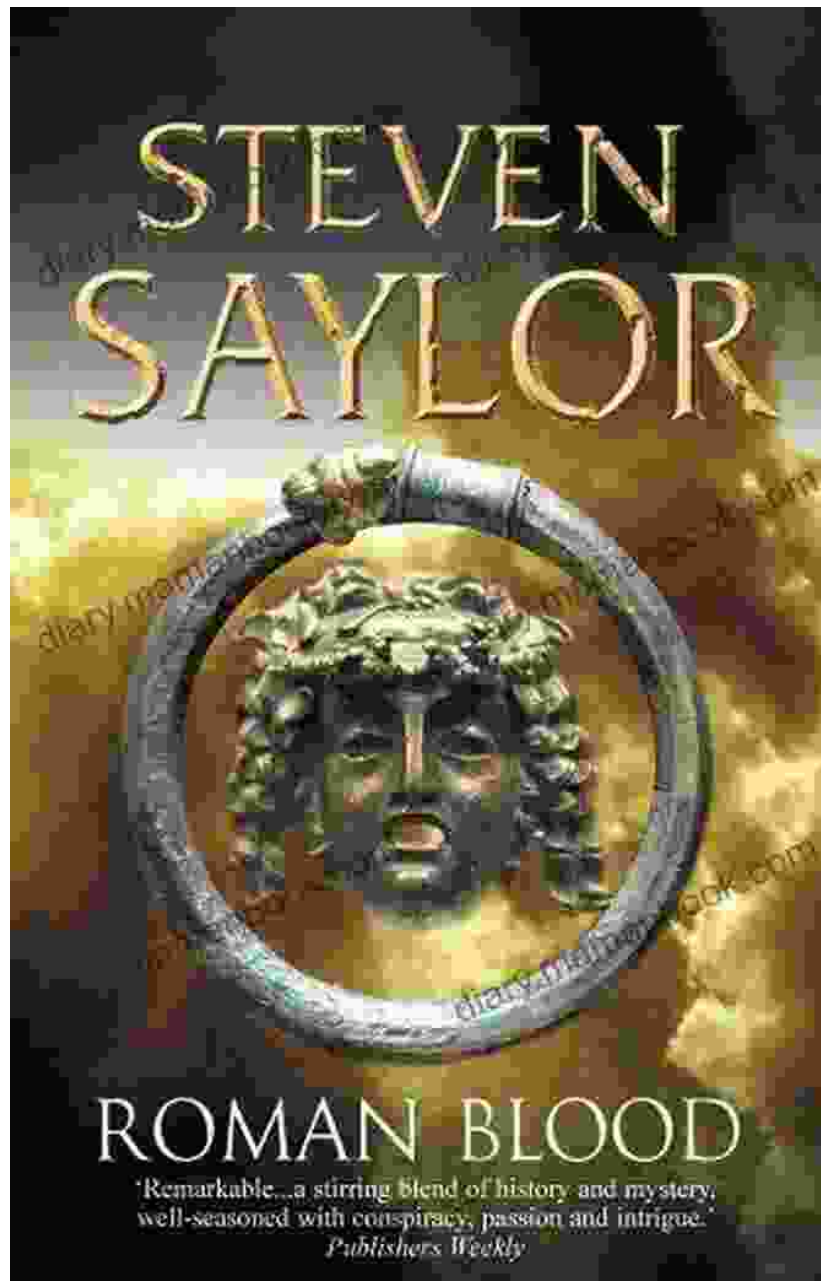
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## **Reviews**

The Roma Sub Rosa has received critical acclaim. The New York Times called the novel "a gripping and suspenseful tale that brings ancient Rome to life." The Washington Post praised the novel's "richly detailed characters and suspenseful plot." The Roma Sub Rosa has been translated into over 20 languages and has sold over 1 million copies worldwide.

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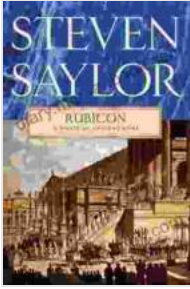
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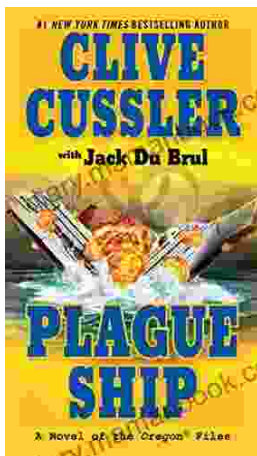


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