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The Emperor Commodus John S. McHugh
2015-08-31 Commodus is synonymous with debauchery and megalomania, best remembered for fighting as a gladiator. Ridiculed and maligned by historians since his own time, modern popular culture knows him as the patricidal villain in Ridley Scott's *Gladiator*. Much of his infamy is clearly based on fact, but is this the full story? John McHugh reviews the ancient evidence to present the first full-length biography of Commodus in English. His twelve-year reign is set in its historical context, showing that the 'kingdom of gold' he supposedly inherited was actually an empire devastated by plague and war. Openly autocratic, Commodus compromised the privileges and vested interests of the senatorial clique,

who therefore plotted to murder him. Surviving repeated conspiracies only convinced Commodus that he was under divine protection, increasingly identifying himself as Hercules reincarnate. This and his antics in the arena allowed his senatorial enemies to present Commodus as a mad tyrant to justify his murder, which they finally succeeded in arranging by having him strangled by a wrestler.

The Life of a Gladiator Ruth Owen
2018-08-01 Two heavily armed fighters face each other in the Colosseum of ancient Rome. They are about to take part in the deadliest sport the world has ever known. Only one man will leave the arena alive. This is the brutal world of the Roman gladiator. *Gladiators* Rupert Matthews 2015-07-15 The Romans who fearlessly fought in the

Colosseum had varied backgrounds. Some were slaves and criminals forced to fight to the death. Others trained and volunteered for the task. Their goal was clear from the first step in the arena: the floor was sandy, so blood would be easy to clean up. Gladiator combat is a common topic when discussing the Roman Empire. Readers of this volume, however, will discover all the incredible details of gladiator life from the porridge they ate to the muscle massages they received! A glossary of gladiator terms and a timeline complement the main content.

Gladiators William Caper 2011-07-01

"Profiles Roman Gladiators, including their everyday life, training, fighting methods, and societal role, as well as their decline and role in popular culture"--Provided by publisher.

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Gladiators Susan Nichols 2017-01-01
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Gladiators Roger Dunkle 2013-09-13 The games comprised gladiatorial fights, staged animal hunts (*venationes*) and the executions of convicted criminals and prisoners of war. Besides entertaining the crowd, the games delivered a powerful message of Roman power: as a reminder of the wars in which Rome had acquired its empire, the distant regions of its far-flung empire (from where they had obtained wild beasts for the *venatio*), and the inevitability

of Roman justice for criminals and those foreigners who had dared to challenge the empire's authority. Though we might see these games as bloodthirsty, cruel and reprehensible condemning any alien culture out of hand for a sport that offends our sensibilities smacks of cultural chauvinism. Instead one should judge an ancient sport by the standards of its contemporary cultural context. This book offers a fascinating, and fair historical appraisal of gladiatorial combat, which will bring the games alive to the reader and help them see them through the eyes of the ancient Romans. It will answer questions about gladiatorial combat such as: What were its origins? Why did it disappear? Who were gladiators? How did they become gladiators? What was their training like? How did the Romans view gladiators? How were gladiator shows produced and advertised? What were the different styles

of gladiatorial fighting? Did gladiator matches have referees? Did every match end in the death of at least one gladiator? Were gladiator games mere entertainment or did they play a larger role in Roman society? What was their political significance?

The Gladiator Alan Baker 2010-12-23 Alan Baker weaves an extraordinary, vivid picture of Roman life as his compelling and evocative history tells the story of Rome's most notable gladiators. They were condemned and feared by emperors, slaughtered and adored by the masses and worshipped by their female fans, yet their lives were invariably violently short. Whether their enemy was a starved tiger or a battle-hardened criminal, their numbered days were dark and bloody. Yet men gave up their wealth and freedom to become gladiators and noble-women gave up their positions to be with them. The Gladiator

illuminates the extraordinary lives of Spartacus, Commodus, Eppia and others - bringing the same energy and passion to the page that Ridley Scott's cinematic triumph bough to the screen.

Gladiators Pliny O'Brian 2014-12-15

Gladiators were the superstars of the Roman Empire. However, their lives were bloody, dangerous, and short. Learn more about these fighters in Gladiators. Curriculum Connections: - Presents fighters in historical context, including the culture, mores, and socioeconomic climate of the time - Action verbs, vivid descriptions, and other reading cues are used in the text to stimulate the reader, particularly the experiential and/or kinesthetic learner (differentiated instruction)

By the Sword Richard Cohen 2010-06-10

The art and science of sword fighting goes back almost to the dawn of civilization and has been an obsession for much of mankind

throughout recorded history. From the Roman arena to feudal Japan and from the duellists of Europe to the development of modern-day Olympic fencing, Richard Cohen traces the course of swordsmanship with wit and erudition in a fascinating and wonderfully discursive account. Packed with anecdote, superbly written and built on a solid foundation of historical research, this is a tribute to a deadly but beautiful skill, the mastery of which for centuries defined a man.

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Gladiators Ben Hubbard 2011-08-05
Around 180 CE, in the lavish amphitheatres

of the Roman Empire, trained gladiators entertained vast audiences by fighting to the death. Armed with a sword, a lance or a harpoon, the gladiator faced his opponent: a wild animal ready to strike, or a condemned criminal looking to save his own life. When the duel began, bloodthirsty spectators cheered, applauding every severed limb and spurt of blood. Ultimately, there could be only one outcome in the gladiatorial arena – one dead body, and one victorious champion. From the Samurai in Japan to Muhammad Ali in the boxing ring, *Gladiators* traces the evolution of one-to-one combat through the ages. Contents includes Emperors and Gladiators, Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius, Nero, Who Were the Gladiators? The Colosseum, Spartacus Samurai : The Way of the Warrior, Wandering Swordsmen, The First Samurai, The Last Samurai Medieval Tournaments: A Day at the Melee, Bohort, Pas d'armes, The Jousts,

Armour Duelling: The Duel of Honour, Sword Duels, Pistol Duels, Duellists and Duels Also includes Boxing, Gunmen and Fighter Pilots
Gladiators Ben Hubbard 2016-12-15 The Gladiator is an icon of Roman culture, of sports economy, and of brave and brutal combat. This title in the Conquerors and Combatants series reveals the importance of gladiators as cultural heroes, enslaved athletes who were vital to the economy, and as political actors whose victories and sacrifices both entertained and subdued the Roman population. Illustrations, photos, and artifacts complement details about the gladiators' lives, fighting styles, revolts, and political impacts. In *Gladiators* readers discover who gladiators were, how they shaped their society, and why they remain glorified icons of combat and culture.

Gladiatoren Fik Meijer 2003

Lift the Lid on Gladiators Philip Wilkinson 2002 This addition to our Lift the Lid series

combines education with excitement as kids explore the history of the famed Roman warriors. The 32page book introduces readers to the city-state of Rome in its glory days, with detailed sections on gladiatorial training, combat, weapons, pageantry, and architecture of the Colosseum. The kit includes a realistic, scale-model gladiator figure with metallic helmet, sword, shield, and other pieces; Colosseum card model; calculi game board and playing pieces; foldout maps of the Roman Empire; and more!

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or treasure, but to entertain the masses. **Gladiators** Paul Hoblin 2013-01-01 Who are the brave warriors of history and of today? This title discusses the origin of gladiators, their historical development, famous examples, key skills, and traits, along with details about weapons, training, and missions. Gladiators were grand entertainers during the Roman Empire; while onlookers enjoyed and cheered them, they were actually low members in society. Special features include sidebars, infographics, on-page definitions, online search sidebar, further evidence sidebar and primary sources. This title also includes a timeline, glossary, Web links, index, and common core activities. Core Library is an imprint of ABDO Publishing. *Gladiators* AA VV 2021-03-30 An exciting journey inside the Ancient Roman Empire to discover everything about Gladiators' life and their fights. What happened at the

fights gladiators held in arenas? Who was the most famous gladiator of all time? Take a trip with Rufus, the organiser of the Roman Empire's gladiators' games, the most important and popular forms of entertainment. A non fiction text gives information about gladiators, their weapons and the historical context they lived in. Speech Balloons involve the reader in an exciting journey inside history. Special in depth sections explore curious aspects related to the topic, with photos of historical finds. Space for reader's interaction with games and pages to colour in. This book was produced in collaboration with MANN - Museo Archeologico di Napoli and Scuola Italiana di Comix.

Gladiators M. C. Bishop 2018-12-15

Gladiators have been the subject of fascination and legend for centuries, whether they were fighting fellow gladiators, exotic animals, or participating in hunts.

Readers will be engrossed in the history of this potentially deadly sport, its development, and its rise and fall. This tell-all text covers the wide variety of warriors who took part in this vicious combat, their armor, weapons, and their lives including their stardom, the less-than-glamorous, and the gruesome. This enlightening resource also features the equipment, weapons, and armor that made for the most grisly entertainment, bringing crowds to their feet, in both horror and delight.

Gladiators DK 2020-11-05 Read all about the bloodthirsty battles of ancient Rome!

Discover the deadliest fighters of the Roman Empire in this fascinating guide to the gladiators of Rome's Colosseum. Learn about the female gladiators that battled each other for the crowd, and the weapons and armour that were allowed inside the arena. The black-and-white chapter ebook *Gladiators* also reveals the everyday lives of

the citizens of Rome, as well as the disciplined legionaries of the Roman army. *Gladiators* is part of the Mega Bites series, which uncovers the secrets of history, science, and the natural world. Investigate the most complicated thing in the universe - your Brain; then journey to the most mysterious as we dive into a Black Hole; and closer to home, marvel at the genius of the world's smartest Codebreakers! Whichever title you pick, you'll get the expert knowledge and fun facts you need on each topic, with every book packed with illustrations, fun stories, and anecdotes.

[The Roman Games](#) Alison Futrell 2009-02-09

This sourcebook presents a wealth of material relating to every aspect of Roman spectacles, especially gladiatorial combat and chariot racing. Draws on the words of eye-witnesses and participants, as well as depictions of the games in mosaics and other works of art. Offers snapshots of “a

day at the games” and “the life of a gladiator”. Includes numerous illustrations. Covers chariot-races, water pageants, naval battles and wild animal fights, as well as gladiatorial combat. Combines political, social, religious and archaeological perspectives. Facilitates an in-depth understanding of this important feature of ancient life.

Blood in the Arena Louise Park 2013-01-15

The slaying of exotic animals and fellow gladiators entertained crowds for centuries. In this volume, readers explore the different types of gladiators, the weapons used to protect them, and arenas they fought in. Any young reader will become engrossed in this action-packed look into the history of gladiators.

Life as a Gladiator Michael Burgan 2015-06-04 *Gladiators*, many of them slaves, entertained Roman audiences by fighting with tridents and swords in huge

stadiums. Their fights often were to the death. Will you: Fight at the side of Spartacus during a violent gladiator rebellion? Leave your home and family to train at a gladiator school in Pompeii? Try to earn your freedom as a champion gladiator at the Roman Amphitheater?

[A Lover's Sword](#) W.M. Kirkland 2017-12-17 Fabius never wanted to be a gladiator, but the priesthood--his true calling--wouldn't accept him. When a flash of white light takes his partner Dursus from the arena, leaving him alone to face Brutus' wrath, Fabius is certain this is the end. The gods have exacted their payment--by sending him through time? Max studied the legend of the five gladiators who disappeared without a trace. He never imagined the final one would arrive on his doorstep. For a professor of Roman history, Fabius' arrival is like a dream come true. For the man, his body is an exquisite marvel and one in

which he can take hours of pleasure. The sword he'd been studying may have belonged to a gladiator. Now, it belongs to his lover and the legend has come full circle.

Gladiators Michael Grant 1968 Traces the history of gladiators from their rise during the third century B.C. to their abolition at the end of the fifth century A.D. The popularity of gladiatorial combat dramatizes the paradox of Roman civilization.

The Gladius M.C. Bishop 2016-11-17 One of the most feared weapons in the ancient world, the gladius was lethal both on the battlefield and in the arena. Literary sources tell of the terror it inspired, while archaeological evidence of wounds inflicted is testament to its deadly effect. By pulling together strands of literary, sculptural and archaeological evidence renowned expert M.C. Bishop creates a narrative of the gladius' development, exploring the way in which the shape of the short sword changed

as soldiers and gladiators evolved their fighting style. Drawing together historical accounts, excavated artefacts and the results of the latest scientific analyses of the blades, this volume reveals the development, technology, training and use of the gladius hispaniensis: the sword that conquered the Mediterranean.

"Ad Maiorem Dei (Et Fransia) Gloria". The Lasting Impact of French Missionaries in China Michael Gorman 2017-11-08 Research Paper (postgraduate) from the year 2017 in the subject History - Asia, grade: 95.0, Westminster College, language: English, abstract: As early as the mid-17th century, Protestant and Catholic/Jesuit missionaries negotiated their way into the secluded empire of China. These first missionaries were largely Portuguese and predominantly Roman Catholic. During this age, many European Empires were beginning to transition from colonial expansion via

conversion and missionary work to a more commercial approach. This thesis proposes to answer the following questions: Why and how was French missionary work so important to international relations between France and China? In what ways did this missionary work alter Chinese society? Did the French missionaries pave the way for China's future as a republic, and if so—how? What were the differences between France's Catholic missionaries and France's Protestant missionaries in China? Additionally, how might this missionary work compare to other notable examples, such as Spain's missionary work in South and Central America? It is hoped that this thesis will be able to answer these questions, as well as any others that reveal themselves over the course of study.

Gladiators and Beast Hunts Christopher Epplett 2015

The Roman Gladiators Louise Park 2010

"An introduction to the history and lifestyle of Roman gladiators"--Provided by publisher. The World of the Gladiator Susanna Shadrake 2005 The gladiatorial contest was the high point of the bloody sports witnessed in Rome's Colosseum and in other amphitheatres throughout the Roman empire. This is the first popular book to explore all aspects of gladiatorial life?its beginnings under the Republic; the organization of the spectacle; the day-to-day-life of a gladiator; a typical show from start to finish; the equipment, weapons and armor used; the symbolic role of the gladiator in society; and the fascination of the gladiatorial spectacle within a 21st-century context.

Gladiators 4th-1st centuries BC Francois Gilbert 2022-08-18 This new study lifts the veil on the high-profile but often misunderstood gladiators of ancient Rome, from their origins to the dawn of the

Principate. Originating in funeral rites during the Punic Wars of the 3rd century BC, the Roman gladiator games have come to symbolize the spectacle and savagery of Republican and Imperial Rome. Increasingly elaborate rules and rituals governed the conduct of gladiator combat, with an array of specially armed and armoured gladiator types pitted against one another, either singly or in groups. While many gladiators met a grisly end, some survived to achieve celebrity and make huge fortunes. Despite the wealth of literary and archaeological evidence, many misconceptions about the gladiators and their violent world remain. Featuring photographs and drawings of key items of visual evidence and drawing upon the author's wealth of experience and research, this fully illustrated account recreates the little-known and under-represented gladiators of the centuries leading up to the dawn of the Principate,

correcting myths and casting new light on the roles, lives and legacy of these legendary arena fighters.

Arena: First Sword (Part Three of the Roman Arena Series)

Simon Scarrow

2013-03-21 The third novella in Simon Scarrow's Roman Arena series sees gladiator Pavo and mentor Macro fight for their lives amid a bloody revolt. The imperial gladiator school in Capua: once the pride of the Roman Empire, lately driven to the brink of ruin by a greedy lanista. Now the school welcomes its newest recruit: Marcus Valerius Pavo, the high-born gladiator with a string of impressive victories to his name, sworn to seek revenge for the brutal murder of his father. Meanwhile Lucius Cornelius Macro, the decorated optio of the Second Legion, has been appointed as the school's new lanista. Macro faces a race against time to turn the school around before the start of the games in Rome, held in honour of the

new Emperor. But when a notorious tribal warrior sets in motion a violent uprising, Macro and Pavo find themselves caught in a desperate struggle for survival...

Gladiators Katherine Frew 2005 Describes the training, clothing, weapons, and types of gladiators, including the retiarius, hoplomachus, and secutor.

Sword of Rome Richard Foreman

2019-11-16 'The coming man of historical fiction.' Saul David. Rome, 51 BC... The centurion Lucius Oppius has left the battlefields of Gaul to venture to Rome. But he is about to discover the capital of the Empire can be every bit as dangerous as its provinces. Under orders from Caesar to secure an item of intelligence that will help him become a Consul again Oppius is manipulated into taking part in a gladiatorial contest. The soldier must not only fight his enemies in the arena however. Marcus Porcius Cato warns "Caesar's Champion"

that victory inside the arena will bring death outside of it. Oppius soon discovers that while in Gaul your the enemies stand before you in a shield wall in Rome they stab you in the back. 'Sword of Rome: Gladiator' is an action-packed novella that takes you into the heart of Rome and into the crucible of gladiatorial combat. As well as facing death and treachery, Oppius and his legionaries will also encounter a young Octavius Caesar and Pompey the Great. The Sword of Rome series brings together history and adventure in stories which will appeal to fans of both Simon Scarrow and Bernard Cornwell. The Sword of Rome series of novellas follow Julius Caesar and his centurion Lucius Oppius during their campaigns in Britain, Gaul and the Civil War. The stories are a blend of action, intrigue and Ancient History. Richard Foreman's books have been widely praised. Praise for 'Augustus: Son of Rome'. 'Augustus: Son of Rome forges action

and adventure with politics and philosophy. This superb story is drenched in both blood and wisdom - and puts Foreman on the map as the coming man of historical fiction'. - Saul David, Author of the Zulu Hart series. Praise for 'Raffles: The Complete Innings'. "Classy, humorous and surprisingly touching tales of cricket, friendship and crime." - David Blackburn, The Spectator. Praise for 'A Hero of Our Time'. 'An elegant novel which is awash with both hope and tragedy. A Hero of Our Time is a must read for anyone interested in WWII or 19th Century Russian Literature.' - Nigel Jones, author of 'Countdown To Valkyrie'. Praise for 'Warsaw'. "Warsaw is a work of power. It has the authentic feeling that pulses from an important book. The meticulous research and psychological insights light up one of the most ghastly episodes in the history of man's inhumanity to man." Patrick Bishop, author of 'Fighter Boys' and 'A Good

War'. Richard Foreman is the author of numerous best-selling Kindle books, including 'Augustus: Son of Rome' and the Raffles series of historical crime novellas. He is also the author of 'Warsaw', a literary novel set during the end of the Second World War. He lives in London.

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