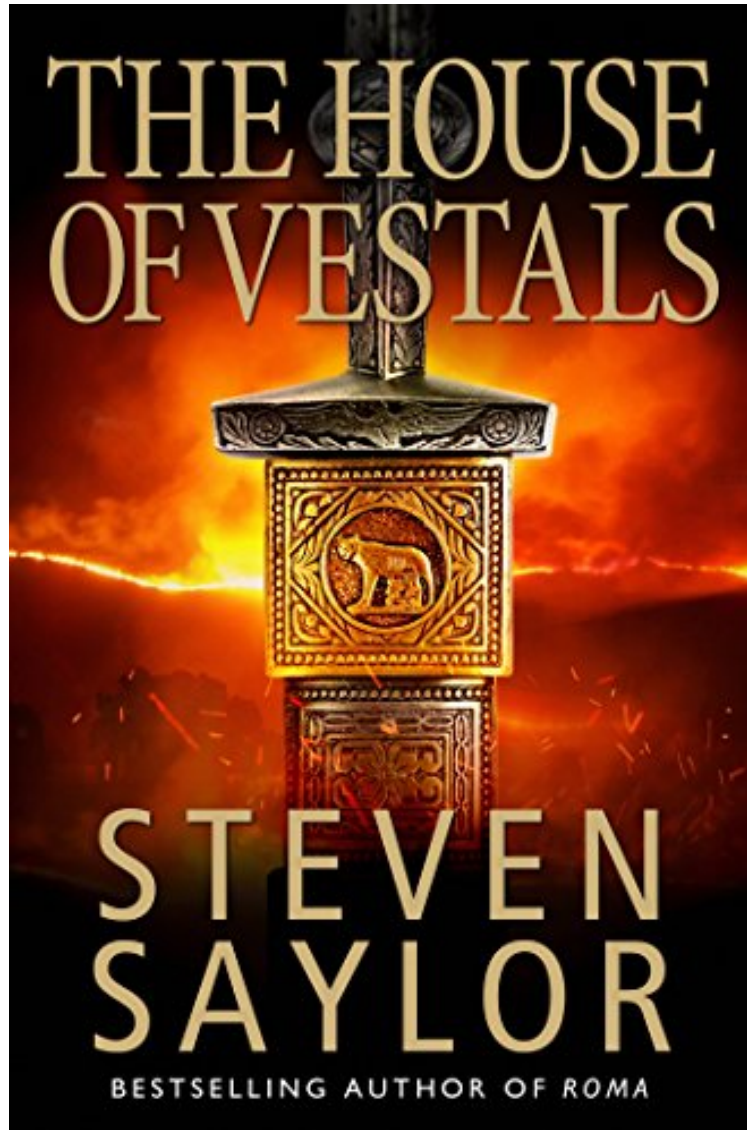


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**Von Steven Saylor : The House of the Vestals: (New Edition) (Gordianus the Finder)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The House of the Vestals: (New Edition) (Gordianus the Finder):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Terrific as usual for this talented authorVon Ein KundeThis book contains nine short stories starring the great Romansleuth, Gordianus the Finder. All nine of the tales take place between80 and 72 B.C. (filling the time frame between the

novels ROMAN BLOOD and ARMS OF NEMESIS). Each tale in this collection (just like the novels in the Roma Sub Rosa series) includes a finely drawn mystery surrounded by an important historical event. .... Friends, Romans, and fellow mystery buffs, lend me your ears. I come to praise Steven Saylor and his great series. Gordianus is one of the great detectives in literature today and this collection of short stories add much information on his personal life, his spouse Bethesda, his adopted son, and numerous other characters who appear in the novels. The mysteries are all superb leaving fans of historical mystery needing to read the HOUSE OF THE VESTALS and the five novels that preceded it because this is the sub-genre at the top of its game. ....Harriet Klausner0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wonderful stroll thru ancient times with a good friend.Von Brian EckertIt is so easy to overlook the past, thinking of those who lived 2000 years ago as some crude, distant barbaric history that the human soul has now transcended. Not so. We haven't moved one whit in that time. But to revisit that era, we need a storyteller with a great gift for brining time and place and history back to life. Saylor is such a man. A scholar of ancient Rome, he has created Gordianus. And he has placed his hero in the most tumultuous of times. Each of the Gordianus novels is like meeting an old friend, a man of much dignity and insight into the human condition. Thank you, M. Saylor. Can we expect more0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ave Saylor, legentes te salutantVon Ein KundeThis is not the ultimate in literature, but the stories are vey pretty, nevertheless. The characters of Bethesda and Lucius Claudius are drawn beautifully. Without them, Gordianus the Finder would just be another oppidanus of Subura. But I do not feel that the author brought ancient Rome "to life". and he certainly did not bring history into play, except a few mentions of Caesar, Cicero and Sulla. Still, it was enjoyable light reading.

KurzbeschreibungWonderfully entertaining mystery stories set in the world of the acclaimed ROMA SUB ROSA series. It is the Rome of the Late Republic, and Gordianus the Finder has a knack for finding trouble - and dead bodies. Known to many as the one man in the ancient world who can both keep a secret and uncover one, Gordianus lays bare some of his most intriguing adventures in this new volume in Steven Saylor's highly acclaimed mystery series. In 'Little Caesar and the Pirates', Gordianus must act as a go-between for kidnappers, but he begins to wonder who is really being held hostage; in 'The Alexandrian Cat', a mischievous girl and a tell-tale sneeze reveal an ingenious plot of murder and thievery; and in 'The House of the Vestals', blackmail goes horribly wrong and there is no one to take the blame. The result is an engrossing collection of finely wrought mystery tales with all the suspense and craft that are the trademark of Saylor's work.From BooklistSaylor serves up a collection of short stories designed to fill in some of the gaps that have piqued the curiosity of devoted fans of his popular Roma Sub Rosa series. Set between the years 80 and 72 B.C., these nine tales document some of the early adventures of Gordianus the Finder. During the course of these cases, Gordianus establishes firm and tender relationships with Eco, his adopted son; Bethesda, his Jewish-Egyptian concubine; Belbo, his loyal manservant and bodyguard; and Lucius Claudius, his generous patron. While each brief mystery presented is a gem in and of itself, readers will delight in the informational overview provided by the collection as a whole. As usual, Saylor does a superb job of seamlessly incorporating the tumultuous history of the Roman Republic into the narrative flow. A welcome addition to the ever fascinating chronicles of Gordianus the Finder. Margaret FlanaganFrom Kirkus sIt's no wonder Gordianus the Finder solves so many of these nine cases in a single flash of insight. Most of the mysteries aren't very mysterious; even Gordianus' slave (and future wife) Bethesda picks out the thief of his friend Lucius Claudius' silver the minute she hears the story. Still, three groups of readers will find these stories irresistible: history buffs who appreciate Saylor's careful research into Roman politics and Roman mores; fans of his five novels (A Murder on the Appian Way, 1996, etc.) who want to find out how he first became Lucius Claudius' friend, or how he acquired his faithful slave Belbo; and anyone who enjoys leisurely, literate storytelling. Though none of the stories is more than five years old, nearly half ("A Will Is a Way," "The Lemures," "King Bee and Honey," "The Alexandrian Cat") have already been anthologized. All the others could well follow. -- Copyright 1997, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.