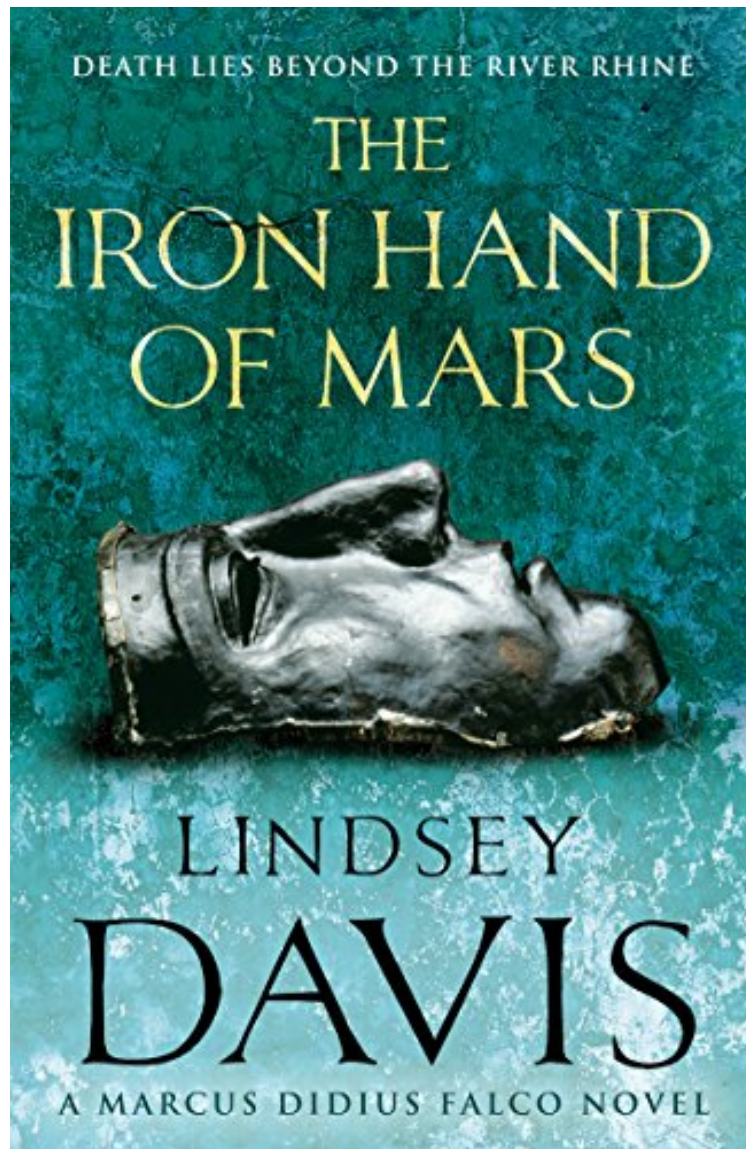


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Von Lindsey Davis : The Iron Hand Of Mars: (Falco 4) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Iron Hand Of Mars: (Falco 4):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Native Speaks out!Von Sandy VeltenAs a native of Germany and Mainz (Mogontiacum) where parts of this book take place I have to say: Great work, Mrs Davis! This book is, like all the Falco books, highly readable and I thoroughly recommend it to anyone interested in daily life in Roman times as well as those who love a good story. It's more fun

than a history book and you still learn a few things. If you like Mogontiacum (which Falco describes as a glum frontier fort whose only attraction is a ridiculous column erected for Nero), you can still visit some of its "sights" today...like the "ridiculous column"1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The best book in the series Von Xavier AbadI read this book in less than one week. Normally I spend an average time of a month in finishing a book, but this was one of the "rare" cases that the reading last until 2 am. Marcus travels to a wild land, Germania Libera in order to send a gift of the emperor and ends with his life in hands of a German sorceress. The full novel is filled with action and historical references, it's worth the money!.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of her two best--you'll turn it around and read it again Von Nadine Harris Top hole! I've read all of Lindsey Davis' Falco series and although I enjoyed them all, this is the only one on a par with the marvelous series opener SILVER PIGS. In fact, I'd give this a 10--I just loved it--but I have to reserve that for SILVER PIGS itself which is incomparable. For fans of the series, this is another of the books where Falco goes on the road and enables Davis to cast a cocked eye on the various nationalities of Europe under the pretext of junketing the ancient world. Somehow the plots where Falco travels through the wilder bits of the Roman Empire bring out the best in him and are the most entertaining. Maybe it's just that Davis loves to tell a good adventure story--or maybe it's just that Falco is basically most convincing as a soldier. You'll finish it and turn to the beginning to read it again. Nadine Harris

Kurzbeschreibung One of the stories from the bestselling historical fiction Falco series. AD 71. Germania Libera: dark dripping forests, inhabited by bloodthirsty barbarians and legendary wild beasts, a furious prophetess who terrorises Rome, and the ghostly spirits of slaughtered Roman legionaries. Enter Marcus Didius Falco, an Imperial agent on a special mission: to find the absconding commander of a legion whose loyalty is suspect. Easier said than done, thinks Marcus, as he makes his uneasy way down the Rhenus, trying to forget that back in sunny Rome his girlfriend Helena Justina is being hotly pursued by Titus Caesar. His mood is not improved when he discovers his only allies are a woefully inadequate bunch of recruits, their embittered centurion, a rogue dog, and its innocent young master; just the right kind of support for an agent unwillingly trying to tame the Celtic hordes..de This, the fourth of Davis's thrillers about Falco, a private enquiry agent and informer in the Rome of Vespasian, takes him off to the wilds of Germany. Though most of the Falco books play with, and translate into Roman terms, the stock material of the hard-boiled crime novel--police corruption, serial killers, financial scams and women adventuresses no better than they should be--this one, like the first, The Silver Pigs, stretches the formula in a different direction; much of the time here, in true John Buchan fashion, Falco is running and hiding in hostile landscapes rather than down mean streets. It is only a few decades since the Romans had the worst of defeats in the Teutoburger forest, and barbarians on the border are keen to repeat the lesson. And in a tower on a river bend, there lives the most hostile of all Germans, the prophetess known as Velada, and Justinus, brother of Falco's upper-class lover Helena, has fallen in love with her. Packed with desperate adventures and comic incidents, this is not one of the most tightly plotted of Davis's books, but it is in many other respects one of the most enjoyable.--Roz Kaveney Pressestimmen Splendid mystery, pace and wit. Ellis Peters Lindsey Davis doesn't merely make history come alive she turns it into spanking entertainment, and wraps it around an intriguing mystery. She is incapable of writing a dull sentence. Peter Lovesey