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- This small but authoritative book is the perfect gift for any history buff

Reviews

- 'Crompton's light, witty, and informative book succeeds in its effort to pique readers' interest in the ancient world and stave off the demise of the classics.' - *Publishers Weekly*

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Dan Crompton studied Classics and Linguistics at Cambridge University. He is the author of *Caught Short* (2013) and *A Classical Primer* (2012) and the translator (from the original Ancient Greek) of *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum: The World's Oldest Joke Book* (2010).