

THE DIARY OF DORKIUS MAXIMUS ... IN POMPEII



Dorkius's parents are dragging him to Pompeii for the summer and he is NOT impressed. How's he going to work on becoming the greatest hero in Roman history when he's stuck in a small, boring town? To make matters worse, the people of Pompeii are even more bonkers than his superstitious mum and they base ALL their decisions around the reading of animal innards.



Things brighten up when he makes friends with a girl called Decima and they get wind of a rumour that a demon is haunting nearby Mount Vesuvius. The pair decide to investigate the volcano. They are scared by what they discover and fear the town is in great danger. Dorkius sees it as his noble duty to warn the people of Pompeii and calls a town meeting. Unfortunately, no one takes any notice of him.

Dorkius and Decima flee and watch the volcano erupt in the distance. Just when they think they are safe, to their horror they realise the lava has bypassed Pompeii and is heading straight for their camp. In a dramatic turn of events, Decima falls into great danger but Dorkius is there to save the day. When they get back to the town, Dorkius warns the townsfolk that their city could face a more deadly eruption, but they refuse to worry. They are happy as long as their animal innards tell them they're safe.

