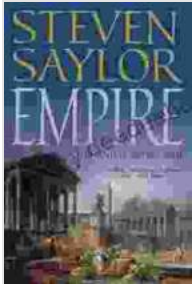


Empire: The Novel of Imperial Rome: An Epic Tale of Power, Corruption, and Ambition

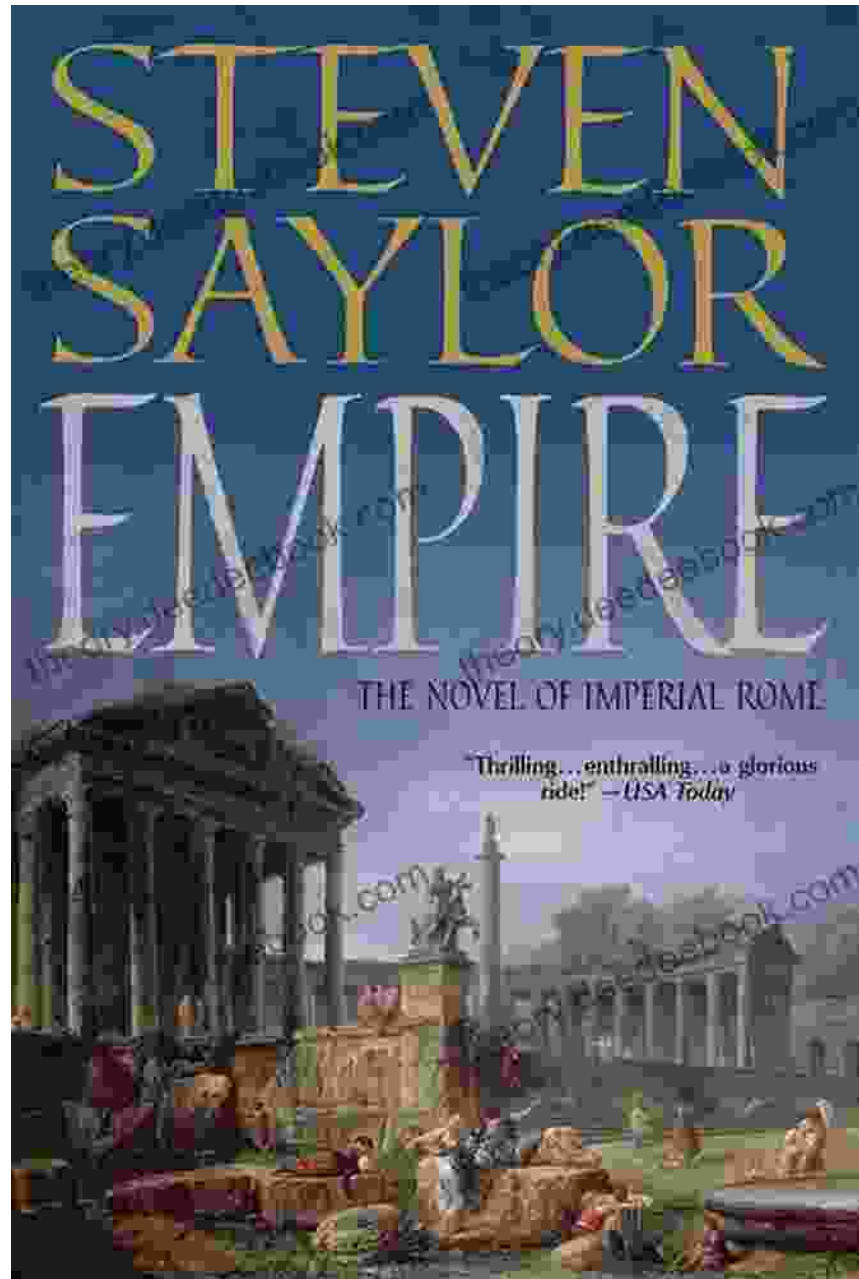


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About the Book

Empire: The Novel of Imperial Rome is a historical fiction novel by Steven Saylor that tells the story of the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. The novel follows the lives of three generations of the family of Publius Aelius Hadrianus, who eventually becomes Emperor Hadrian. The novel is a

sweeping epic that spans decades and continents, and it offers a vivid and detailed portrait of life in ancient Rome.

The novel begins in the year 79 AD, with the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The eruption destroys the city of Pompeii, and it also kills Hadrian's father. Hadrian is orphaned, and he is taken in by his uncle, Trajan. Trajan is a general in the Roman army, and he eventually becomes Emperor. Hadrian grows up in Trajan's household, and he learns the arts of war and politics. He also develops a close relationship with Trajan's daughter, Sabina.

When Trajan dies, Hadrian becomes Emperor. He is a wise and just ruler, and he brings peace and prosperity to the Roman Empire. However, Hadrian's reign is also marked by tragedy. His wife, Sabina, dies young, and his adopted son, Lucius Verus, is killed in battle. Hadrian is heartbroken by these losses, and he eventually dies of a broken heart.

Historical Context

Empire: The Novel of Imperial Rome is set during a time of great change and upheaval in the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was at the height of its power, but it was also beginning to show signs of decline. The Roman army was stretched thin, and the Empire was facing threats from both within and outside its borders. The Roman people were also becoming increasingly restless, and they were beginning to demand more rights and freedoms.

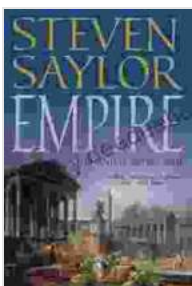
Hadrian was a key figure in Roman history. He was a successful general, and he brought peace and prosperity to the Roman Empire. However, he was also a complex and flawed man. He was ambitious and ruthless, and he was responsible for the deaths of many people. Despite his flaws,

Hadrian was a great leader, and he left a lasting legacy on the Roman Empire.

Critical Reception

Empire: The Novel of Imperial Rome has received critical acclaim. The novel has been praised for its historical accuracy, its vivid storytelling, and its complex characters. The novel has been nominated for several awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Empire: The Novel of Imperial Rome is a powerful and moving novel that offers a unique perspective on one of the most important periods in human history. The novel is a must-read for anyone who is interested in history, fiction, or simply a good story.

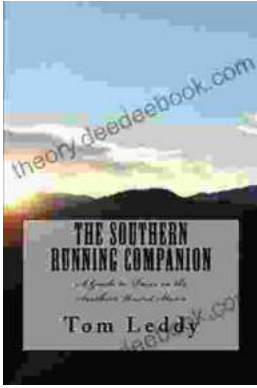


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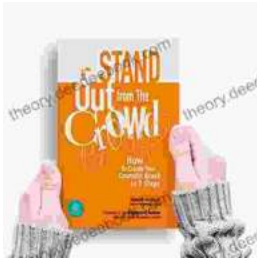
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