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Testament. However, most of the events it recorded are not covered in the Scripture. Such events as the domination of the Greek and the Maccabean revolt, a period between the two Testaments, are always missed by the Christian since it is not recorded in the Bible. Also, the destruction of the temple and Jerusalem, famous to most of the Christian, but only know little. So, this book supplies a lot of information for the background of the Old and New testaments. Herod, Flavian, King Agrippas, they were the names that are familiar with. Therefore, to better understand the New Testament, this book is a must. In imitating Herodotus's style in writing history, Josephus left a lot of other information when depicting the Jewish-Roman war. This book is thus a good source-book for the solidary system of the Roman. How the Roman soldiers marched, how they fought, how they used their battling machinery etc. , and also the geographic information of Palestine and Israel. I highly recommend this book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Forgotten Classic in an accessible yet scholarly edition Von James J. Bloom The "real" Josephus is a very hot topic among Christian theologians looking for the actuality behind the gospels and students of Judaism trying to go beyond Josephus' usual superficial "traitor" image. If you can't read the original Greek, the next best thing is to read the Loeb (Harvard U. Press) Classics edition with facing English and Greek text. However, even that format might be heavy going for the more casual, but curious, reader. The Penguin edition is far from a watered down popularized version of the Loeb. It is a condensed rendering without sacrificing essential detail. The liberties taken by Williamson largely consist of rearranging J's clumsy seven parts into 23 easily digested chapters. The most valuable part of this edition, however, is not Williamson's lucid translation but E. Mary Smallwood's outstanding notes and appendices. Her historical asides provide a crash course in the then-current scholarship on the Josephus Problem. The narrator is a self-serving, wily ex-Priest of the Jerusalem Temple who was a "general" on the crucial Galilee front, until he was taken captive under mysterious circumstances. He cleverly prophesized that his captor, Vespasian, would be the next emperor. Meanwhile, J served his former enemy as an intelligence analyst and intermediary. Eventually, after the fall of Judaea, he became a protege Emperor Vespasian and his son Titus, soon to be successor. Using his own notes and memory (quite selective and filtered) and the official field reports as well as the war diaries of Vespasian and Titus, Jewish expatriate Josephus wrote what amounts to the official Roman military history of the war against the Jews. Yet he did not totally sell out. He managed to portray his countrymen as mounting a valiant, though inherently futile, effort. This is no dry dusty "classic" -- it is an exciting, dramatic illustration of how Roman military power deals with an intractable and fanatic province. Apart from Julius Caesar's accounts of his military exploits, there are few such detailed expositions of imperial Rome at war. If you have any interest in the crisis of Judaism, the birth of Christianity, the Roman War Machine, or simply a cracking good adventure yarn...this book is for you. Josephus' story behind the history would make an excellent topic for a screenplay. Jim Bloom 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fascinating insights into pivotal point in history Von stever@lavalink.com.au If ever there was a history book that you couldn't put down , this is it . The plotting and behind the scenes action is blended with clash of metal , the recoil of catapults and the wailing of those caught in the tempest of ancient Middle East politics , religion and power struggles . From such details as the consequences of one of the Roman soldiers deciding to "moon" the crowds gathered at the Temple , to the upheavals throughout the Roman Empire as Nero and his following Emperors fall one after the other in rapid succession . Eventually Rome being stabilised by the general in charge of the Judean war , Vespasian , becoming emperor . A classic of military history but also an exciting read .

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