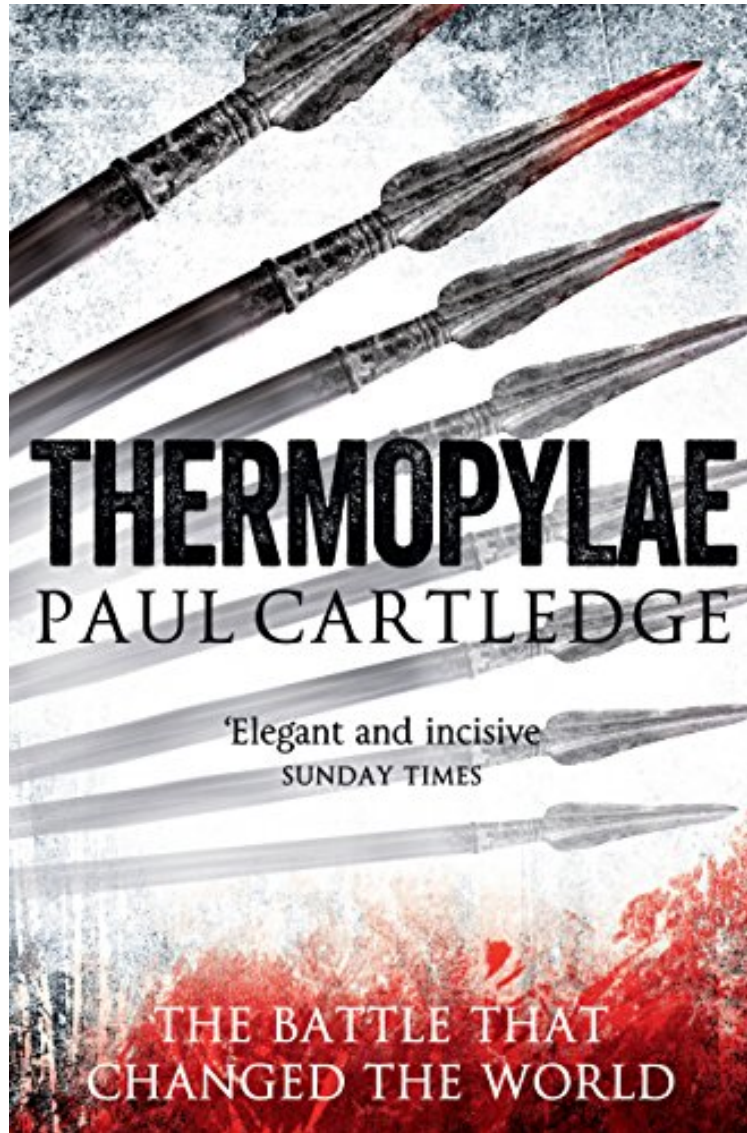


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Kurzbeschreibung'Go tell the Spartans, Passerby, That here, obedient to their laws, we lie' Thus did the poet Simonides remember the three hundred elite Spartan warriors who, led by their king, Leonidas, faced the vast, intrushing Persian army at the hot gates of Thermopylae and fought to the death for an ideal dearer to them than life itself the ideal of freedom. Paul Cartledges offers a compelling re-examination of this crucial moment in history, a epic clash of civilizations that helped shape the identity of Classical Greece and our own cultural heritage. Our greatest living expert on Sparta tells the story of that fearsome citys finest hour. The result is a book that wonderfully demonstrates the capacity of profound scholarship to thrill, to move and to inspire Tom Holland, author of Rubicon and Persian Fire The world's leading authority on ancient Sparta Noel Malcolm, Sunday Telegraph From BooklistThe stand by 300 Spartans at the pass of Thermopylae in northern Greece is one of the most revered foundation stories of Western civilization. In 480 BCE, the Spartans heroically delayed the advance of a massive Persian invading force. Thus, so the story goes, the blossoming culture of a "free" Greece was rescued from the domination of oriental despotism and "barbarism." Cartledge, a Cambridge professor of Greek history, reveals a far more complex story. Much of mainland Greece refused to embrace the emerging free and democratic culture associated with Athens. Persians were hardly barbaric, and their imperial control generally left subject peoples, including the Ionian Greeks, considerable latitude. Still, as this beautifully written and stirring saga asserts, the history of Western civilization would almost certainly have been fundamentally different had the Persians prevailed. When describing the actual military conflict, Cartledge's account has a special urgency and poignancy. An outstanding retelling of one of the seminal events in world history. Jay FreemanCopyright American Library Association. All rights reservedPressestimmen"Impeccable...Enthralling...Vividly reconstructs [the Spartans'] finest hour." -"The Independent" "Briskly written...Offers a fresh look at the battle and the complex events leading up to it."-"Forbes" "In the annals of heroism, the Battle of Thermopylae is an archetype, a classic." -Noel Malcolm, "The Telegraph "(UK) "The real passion of "Thermopylae" lies in the author's sudden discovery that his subject is exciting to other people again." -"The Wall Street Journal"