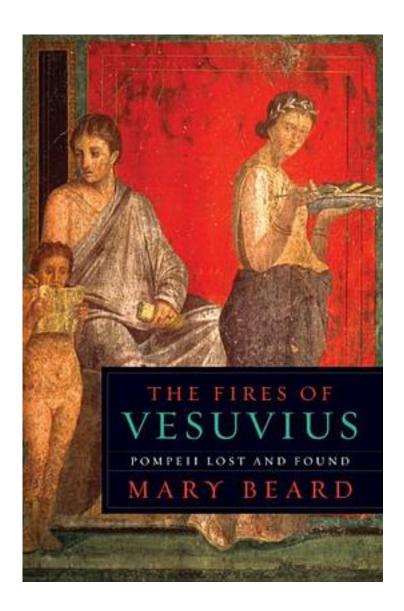
# The Fires of Vesuvius



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Pompeii is the most famous archaeological site in the world, visited by more than two million people each year. Yet it is also one of the most puzzling, with an intriguing and sometimes violent history, from the sixth century BCE to the present day.

Destroyed by Vesuvius in 79 CE, the ruins of Pompeii offer the best evidence we have of life in the Roman Empire. But the eruptions are only part of the story. In The Fires of Vesuvius, acclaimed historian Mary Beard makes sense of the remains. She explores what kind of town it was-more like Calcutta or the Costa del Sol?-and what it can tell us about "ordinary" life there. From sex to politics, food to religion, slavery to literacy, Beard offers us the big picture even as she takes us close enough to the past to smell the bad breath and see the intestinal tapeworms of the inhabitants of the lost city. She resurrects the Temple of Isis as a testament to ancient multiculturalism. At the Suburban Baths we go from communal bathing to hygiene to erotica.

Recently, Pompeii has been a focus of pleasure and loss: from Pink Floyd's memorable rock concert to Primo Levi's elegy on the victims. But Pompeii still does not give up its secrets quite as easily as it may seem. This book shows us how much more and less there is to Pompeii than a city frozen in time as it went about its business on 24 August 79.

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#### 评论

生动细致地剖析了庞贝城的日常生活与城市生态,破除了不少刻板印象。惟过于纠缠细节,导致篇幅冗长。

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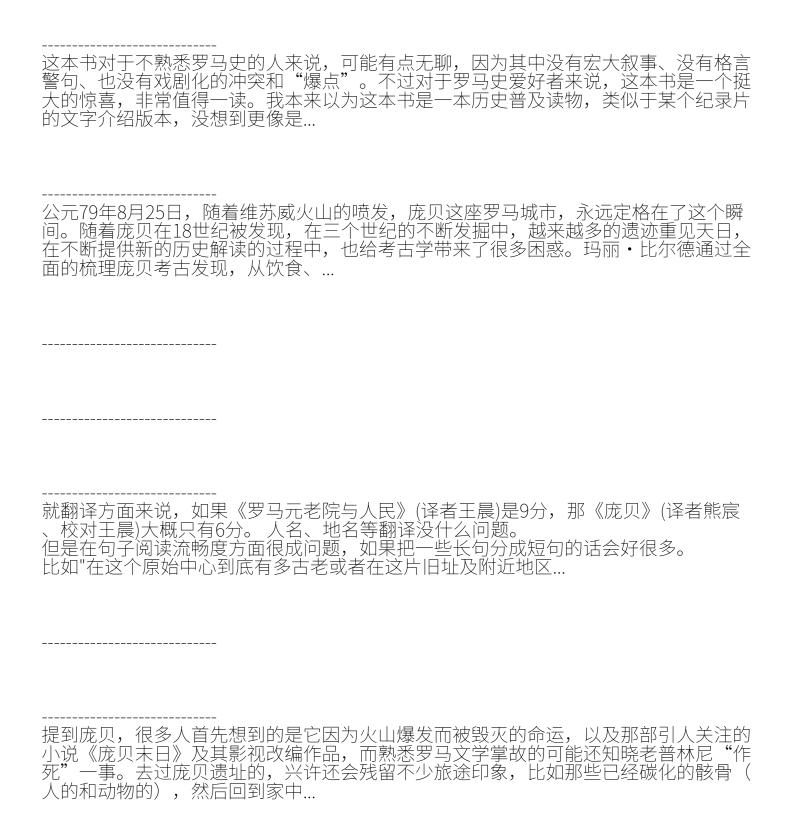
庞贝,以两样东西驰名世界,关于她的"死",自然是火山爆发的灾难,而关于她的"生",则是无人不晓的"风化之都"的形象。想象一下,你走在地中海畔古城遗迹的石路上,旁边错落着一排排铭刻着岁月的罗马式建筑,蓝天白云在头顶飘过,海风中都蕴含着古文明的气味。可当你一低...

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在美剧《权力的游戏》中国王乔弗里的紫色婚礼上,有一道鸽子派的经典大菜。剧中乔弗里用剑猛地砍开这块巨型派之后,一群鸽子扑棱棱地飞出来,场景很是新奇。按原著里的描写,是有一百只白鸽飞出来,想想那场景就更壮观了。 一直惊叹,马丁老爷子的丰富想象力还真是深入各种细枝…

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《庞贝:一座罗马城市的生与死》玛丽·比尔德著,民主与建设出版社。看过庞贝末日的电影,书本的介绍更具吸引力,初读下来,画面感很强,公元一世纪的样貌跃然纸上。那时期的中国,就是西汉末年王莽新朝及东汉初年。中国征战初定,地球的另一边,是一场突如其来的灾难。书本封...

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