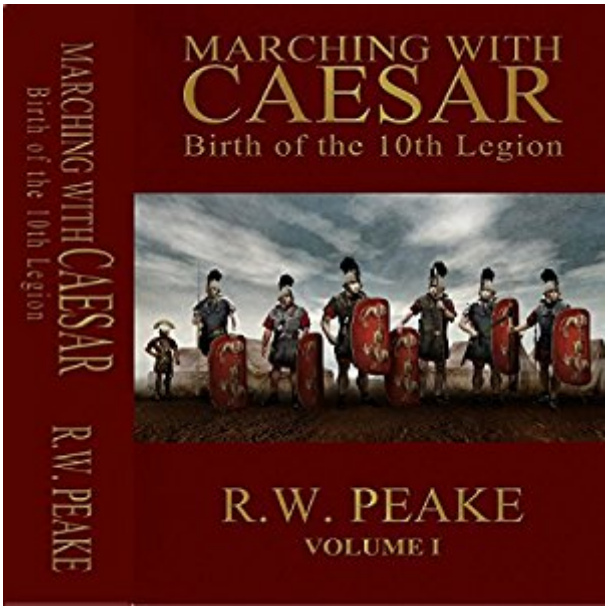
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Synopsis

Titus Pullus, the hero of the 10th Legion and the Marching With Caesar series, tells his story from the very beginning of his life, starting with his relationship with his father, how his friendship with Vibius Domitius began, and how their burning ambition to join the Legions was helped by a veteran nicknamed Cyclops. Enlisting in the 10th Legion, raised in 61 B.C. by Gaius Julius Caesar, Birth of the 10th Legion recounts the first campaign ever conducted by Julius Caesar as a commander, when he quells an insurrection in Hispania, as seen through the eyes and from the perspective of the men like Titus and Vibius who actually did the fighting.

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Customer Reviews

I love military fiction since I come from a family where military service is a tradition. I also am a complete geek when it comes to anything having to do with Rome. This series of books satisfies on both accounts. The characters are believable and well written and the writer actually bothered to learn something about the time period he is writing about. So I have been reading the entire series and enjoying each book. If you are looking for similar, some historical fiction based in Roman times of the late Republic and early Empire with good character development and good plots, this series will deliver. It is not as well done as McCullough’s "First Man Of Rome" series but it also focuses on the common soldier which is NOT what Ms. McCullough did since her focus is on the lives of the leading participants of the time period in question.I enjoyed Peake’s efforts here and the only regret I have at the end of each volume is that I have reached the end of the volume.

I chose this book for many reasons, not the least of which is an interest in all things Roman. I watched and loved the HBO series ROME and I learned that, while the back stories of the main characters was fictional, Titus Pullo (or Titus Pullus in this book series) and Lucius Vorenus were actually real people. Evidence that they are real is found in the writings of Julius Caesar. So, when I saw this book and read that it is told from the vantage point of Titus Pullus, I figured what the heck.Don't think this book can't be for you just because of it's subject matter. Granted, it is not a "chick book" - nevertheless, there is plenty here for anyone who really likes a great story that never drags. This book is a great read - so much that I currently have the 2nd and 3rd books in the series, and I intend to get the rest if those to books turn out as good as this one.The story covers the life of Titus Pullus as it relates to his career in the 10th legion. It focuses on Pullus' first year in the legion and, while this is essentially historical fiction, the setting is historically accurate. The story flows so well and, even in the midst of some pretty graphic battle descriptions, I was completely engaged throughout the book. Titus Pullus tells how he got into the legion, but he also tells a great deal about his family and other characters that are part of the story. It was one of those times when, as I finished up the book, I was disappointed that the story was over. You don't have to be a Roman Empire buff for this to be good. Two thumbs up!

This is a good book to read on a commute to and from work. I happen to like these types of stories, and, for me at least, I'm picking up the series on book 1, after 13 have been written, so I know there will be character development. RW Peak makes good use of narrative and much of what he writes is spot on in terms of tactics, as well as the historical timeline. I've read all the Marius' Mules books to date---which also follows the commentaries, and, reading these two series actually broadens the experiences as Marching with Caesar provides greater details from the soldier's point of view with regards to the fight while Marius' Mules provides the views from a legate's point of view. Its not going to teach you the meaning of life, but if you want light reading to be entertained, its a good series.

This book takes the reader through the basic training that every Roman Soldier goes through. What I really liked about the book is the main character begins his training as a teenager, before joining the legions. My father served in WWII and I served in Vietnam and this book does resemble my own progress in the military, even playing soldier as a child. After reading this it is easy to see how the Romans were able to conquer most of the ancient world. Such coordination and weaponry has not been seen until modern times.

Very good book. Vivid imagery, well thought-out story and very well written. Peake knows his military history. Puts you right in the action. Written so well that I began to feel Pullus was a good friend. If you like military historical fiction, or just historical fiction in any form, you will not regret this buy. It was difficult to put down. I read the entire series in about 3 months.

I was looking for something to read on the Roman Empire after having read Harris' trilogy on Cicero. I came upon this series and really enjoyed this book. I bought the entire series. And look forward to continuing the march with Caesar.

This is a great start to a great series. It is the enthralling story of a common soldier in the Roman army. To say it is fascinating would be an understatement. Very enjoyable and I look forward to the next novel in the series.

I really enjoyed this book. It was written from the 'fictitious' perspective of Titus Pullus and covers the tales of his childhood through his first few years joining - and then fighting in the Roman Legions. It's very detailed and gives a great perspective (as much as possible) of what it must have been like to partake in the brutal fighting that was common-place to any Roman soldier. I would recommend it to anyone interested in historical fiction.

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