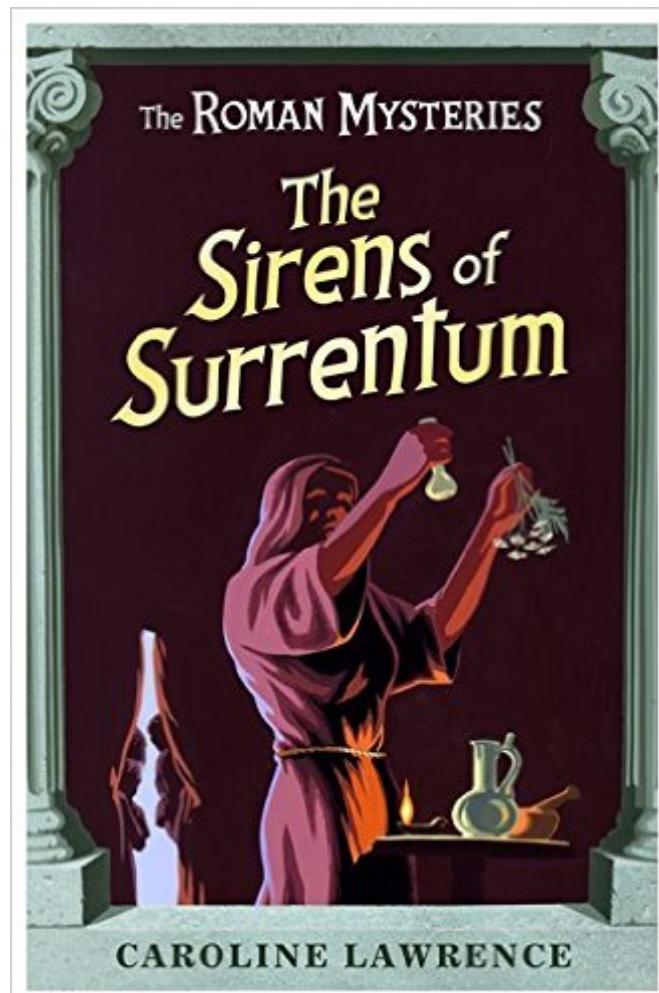


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Customer Reviews

The Sirens of Surrentum is another excellent book in the Roman Mysteries series. I read this and all the previous books in this series to my 7 year old daughter, who has thoroughly enjoyed them. The books should be read in order, as significant events occur in each book and each book builds upon the previous books. The Sirens, like the other books in this series, has an interesting story line that will interest juvenile detective fans. The mysteries are more realistic and multi-dimensional than books like the Three Investigators and Nancy Drew. The Roman Mysteries also have a strong educational theme in that they are set in the context of the first century Roman world. In a very compelling and interesting manner that sparks the interest of myself and my daughter, the author weaves the history and myths of the Rome, Greece, and the first century Jews and Christians into the books. The books provide a good, if slightly unrealistic, portrayal of the diverse life in the Roman

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