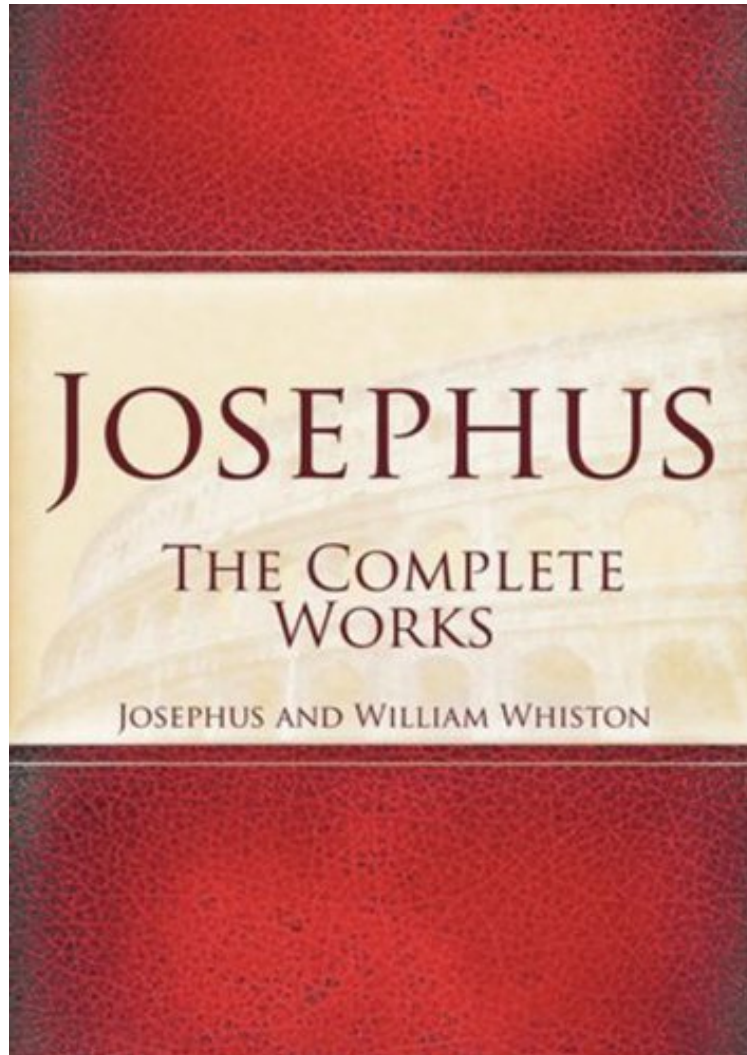


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Von Flavius Josephus : Josephus: The Complete Works (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Josephus: The Complete Works (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
TremendousVon Constant BookwormFascinating, reads like a novel. The slightly antiquated language gives it the proper feeling of age. Josephus has collated the long and bloody history of the descendants of Abraham into a hugely readable saga. They certainly lived "in interesting times". Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony, Cleopatra, Octavian, Claudius, Nero all appear as walk-on parts, fabulous to read about them as real people, written by someone who knew them.Josephus writes about his own career as military leader, he seems to have been genuinely capable, but he had no

chance against the immense might of the Romans. Then he shows humility in admitting defeat and takes up a second career as historian, lucky for us. I looked forward to the promised mention of Jesus; it is very short and has the feel of having been inserted later and by someone else. My copy has been bound sloppily. The text is crooked in places, on some pages it has slipped right to the edge of the paper.

0 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good compilation, horrible scholarship

Von IniThe advantage of the compilation is having the entire works of Josephus in one volume. However, as a non-Christian (and I guess serious Christians out there would share the feeling), I am dismayed to see how the translator uses theologically-loaded and biased comments. Unacceptably, the author portrays parts of the text as "proof" for allegations found in the new testament. A couple of examples will have to suffice, but the book is full of such offensive passages:- Pg. 652 (Wars of the Jews): the text reads "Accordingly it appears to me, that the misfortunes of all men, from the beginning of the world, if they be compared to these of the Jews,* are not so considerable as they were; while the authors of them were not foreigners either". The author notes *That these calamities of the Jews, who were our Savior's murderers, were to be the greatest that had ever been since the beginning of the world, our Savior had directly foretold... then he quotes parts of the NT.- Pg. 662 (ibid): the text discusses the role of the Pharisees (the precursors of rabbinic Judaism), to which the translator notes: [Ref to the NT] Here we have the oldest and most authentic Jewish exposition of binding and loosing, for punishing or absolving men, not for declaring actions lawful or unlawful, as some modern Jews and Christians vainly pretend. With all due respect, that is not decent scholarship of the 21st century, even if Whiston has been dead for 3 centuries, the editors should have been a bit more careful and remove some of the trash in the comments.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The only historian contemporary with New Testament events

Von Joseph H PierreFlavius Josephus was a Jew who took a Roman name, and eventually became a Roman citizen. He was born Joseph ben Mathias (Joseph the son of Mathias) in a family of Jewish priests. He spent time in the Essene sect (who are reputed to have hidden the Dead Sea scrolls), and then became a Pharisee at the age of 19. He was well-educated, and was greatly impressed by the seemingly undefeatable power of Rome. He was against the growing Jewish rebellion, and finally he adopted the family name of the emperor Flavius. He was initially taken as a prisoner to Rome where his life was spared when he predicted that Vespasian would become emperor. His prediction was realized, he was released, granted citizenship and marched with Vespasian's son, Titus in A.D. 70. Drawing on his own experience, which was extensive, as well as other historians of the time whose writings are now lost to us, he has left us with an indispensable library, almost infinite in detail, of the era around the beginnings of the first century A.D. in the area of Palestine, its personalities and happenings. The only (extremely brief) mention of Jesus in his history is thought by most scholars to have been added, or at the very least heavily edited by Constantine's scholars, who were dismayed at the lack of comment by him on the life they considered should have been of paramount importance to any writer of that era's history. His history provides the best source of information on the customs, agriculture, geography, politics, religion, social traditions and insights into outstanding personalities of the day, such as Herod and Felix. Josephus' work is indispensable to any serious scholar of that period.

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Synopsis Invaluable to all students of ancient history, this one-volume translation comprises the classic writings'