

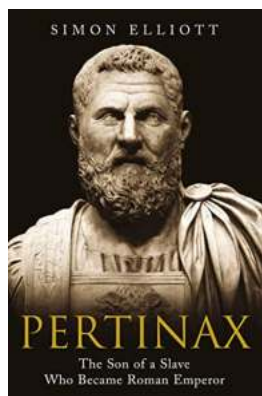
The Son Of Slave Who Became Roman Emperor

Have you ever heard the incredible story of the son of a slave who rose to become a Roman Emperor? Brace yourself for a captivating journey through history as we delve into the inspiring life of this extraordinary individual.

The Early Days

Meet Marcus Aurelius, born into slavery in the year 121 AD in the Roman Empire. His mother was a slave, and his father was a low-ranking Roman official. Growing up in these circumstances, no one could have predicted the significant impact Marcus would have on history.

As a child, Marcus possessed an insatiable thirst for knowledge. Despite his disadvantaged situation, he sought education wherever he could find it, devouring literature, philosophy, and the arts. His unyielding determination to rise above his humble beginnings fueled his aspirations and set him on a path to greatness.



Pertinax: The Son of a Slave Who Became Roman Emperor by Simon Elliott (Kindle Edition)

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A Life Transformed

The turning point in Marcus Aurelius's life came when he caught the attention of Antoninus Pius, the reigning Roman Emperor at the time. Fascinated by the young boy's intellect and potential, Antoninus granted Marcus his freedom and became his mentor and father figure.

Under Antoninus's tutelage, Marcus honed his skills in leadership, philosophy, and governance. His sharp intellect and unwavering dedication to self-improvement led him to rise rapidly through the ranks of Roman society, ultimately ascending to the position of Emperor himself.

The Reign of Marcus Aurelius

As Emperor, Marcus Aurelius implemented a series of sweeping reforms aimed at improving the lives of Roman citizens. He focused on strengthening the military, expanding the empire's territories, and maintaining peace within the empire's borders.

But Marcus was more than just a militaristic ruler. He was a deep thinker, known for his philosophical writings that explored the essence of human existence and the pursuit of virtue. His works, collectively known as "Meditations," offer profound insights into the human condition and remain influential to this day.

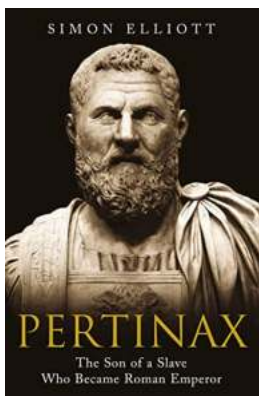
A Legacy That Transcends Time

Despite the challenges he faced and the power he wielded, Marcus Aurelius never forgot his humble beginnings as a slave. Throughout his reign, he

remained committed to fairness, justice, and compassion, striving to create a society that treated all citizens with dignity and respect.

Following his death in 180 AD, Marcus Aurelius left behind a legacy that transcends time. His ideas on stoicism continue to resonate with philosophers, scholars, and individuals seeking wisdom. From his astonishing rise to power to his unwavering commitment to serving his people, Marcus Aurelius's story serves as a testament to the incredible potential that lies within each of us.

The story of the son of a slave who became a Roman Emperor is a tale of determination, resilience, and unwavering dedication to self-improvement. Marcus Aurelius's life serves as an inspiring example that no matter where we come from, we have the power to shape our destiny and leave a lasting impact on the world. Let us remember his remarkable journey and strive to channel his spirit of courage and perseverance in our own lives.



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A biography of the man who ascended the ranks of the military and government to become Roman Emperor.

The son of a former slave, Pertinax was the Roman Emperor who proved that no matter how lowly your birth, you could rise to the very top through hard work, grit and determination.

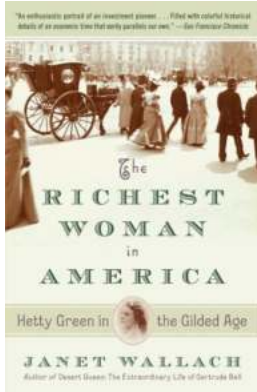
Born in AD 126, Pertinax made a late career change from working as a grammar teacher to a position in the army. As he moved up the ranks and further along the aristocratic *cursus honorum*, he took on many of the most important postings in the Empire, from senior military roles in fractious Britain, the Marcomannic Wars on the Danube, to the Parthian Wars in the east. He held governorships in key provinces, and later consulships in Rome itself. When Emperor Commodus was assassinated on New Year's Eve AD 192/193, the Praetorian Guard alighted on Pertinax to become the new Emperor, expecting a pliable puppet who would favour them with great wealth. But Pertinax was nothing of the sort and when he then attempted to reform the Guard, he was assassinated. His death triggered the beginning of the "Year of the Five Emperors" from which Septimius Severus, Pertinax's former mentoree, became the ultimate victor and founder of the Severan Dynasty.

This previously untold story brings a fascinating and important figure out of the shadows. A self-made everyman, a man of principle and ambition, a role model respected by his contemporaries who styled himself on his philosophizing predecessor and sometime champion Marcus Aurelius, Pertinax's remarkable story offers a unique and panoramic insight into the late 2nd century AD Principate Empire.

Praise for Pertinax

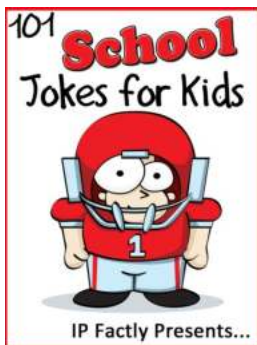
"A story that echoes and rivals that of Spartacus." —Books Monthly (UK)

“An authoritative new history unearths the true story of a slave’s son who rose through the ranks to become the Roman Empire’s most powerful man. . . . The author vividly documents Pertinax’s last days and effectively captures the tenor of the era, a time awash in corruption and violence. Roman history enthusiasts will find new material to digest and general readers, useful context for the Roman way of life.” —Kirkus Reviews



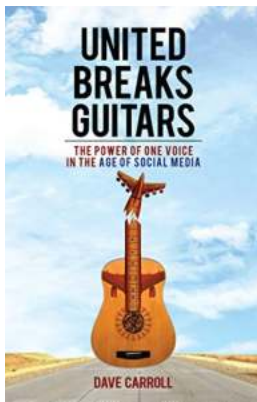
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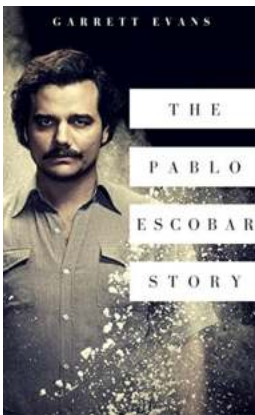
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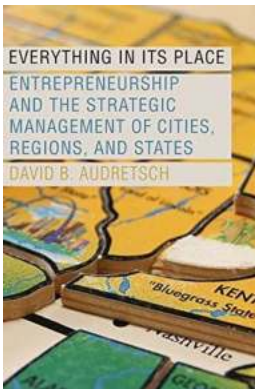
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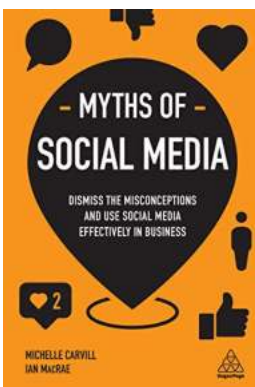
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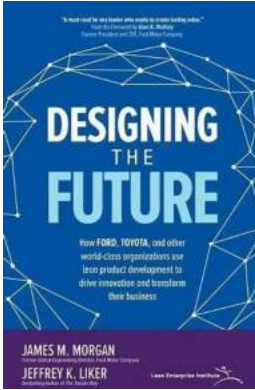
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