

Mark of the thief book talk



**ASSIGN
BUSTER**

GENRE

- Action Adventure
- Fiction
- set in time of Ancient Romans

NIC

- Protagonist
- Slave who has lived in the mines his whole life
- goes into cave and finds amulet known as a bulla
- traits: rebellious, brave, sarcastic
- I am dressed as Nic

AURELIA

- Plebian girl
- Plebian = lower class Roman citizen
- skilled with weapons
- assists Nic on his journey
- Traits: Brave, Loyal

CAELA

- Griffin
- Hybrid Animal- Part Lion Part Eagle
- Griffins are known in mythology to be king of creatures
- Griffins are known for guarding treasures

GENERAL RADULF

- Antagonist
- General of the Roman Army
- He wants to destroy Rome and rebuild it in his own image
- Character traits: ruthless, powerful

SUMMARY (1)

- Nick- Roman slave who has lived in mines whole life
- his owner Sal finds the cave which contains Julius Caesar's treasures
- forced Nic to go into slave to get all of the gold
- no one has ever returned except one who went crazy
- In cave, Nick runs into Griffin who is guarding a bulla

SUMMARY (2)

- Caela scratches Nic, and the mark on his body contains powers
- Nic grabs the Bulla which also contains powers
- Out of cave, Nic is determined to use power to free himself and sister from slavery
- But finds self in middle of the beginning of hte Praetor War meant to destroy Rome
- He then knew he had to harvest the power of the bulla to stop Gen Radulf from destroying Rome
- Will he be able to stop rebellion?

MAIN THEME

- One of the Main Themes is Unexpected Heroism
- As a slave miner. He is the lowest level of society but ends up being the hero trying to save Rome
- Another main theme is selflessness
- When Nic find the magical bulla, he first intends to use it to set himself and his sister free.
- But when war starts, he decides to help prevent Rome from being destroyed instead.

EXCITING PASSAGES

- Pages 26-27
- This passage comes right after Caela scratches Nick and Nic is now trying to escape the cave
- Pages 123-124
- This passage takes place in the Roman arena
- Nic is involved in a gladiator fight and is facing a vicious bestiarius

RECOMMENDATION

- Action packed
- Lots of suspense
- on edge of my seat, could not put it down
- If you like Acendance trilogy or Percy Jackson books, will like this
- Nic has similar personality and heroism as Jaren and Percy
- This book first of a trilogy

- This one ended on a very suspenseful note
- 2nd book, Rise of the Wolf, is expected Feb 2016

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