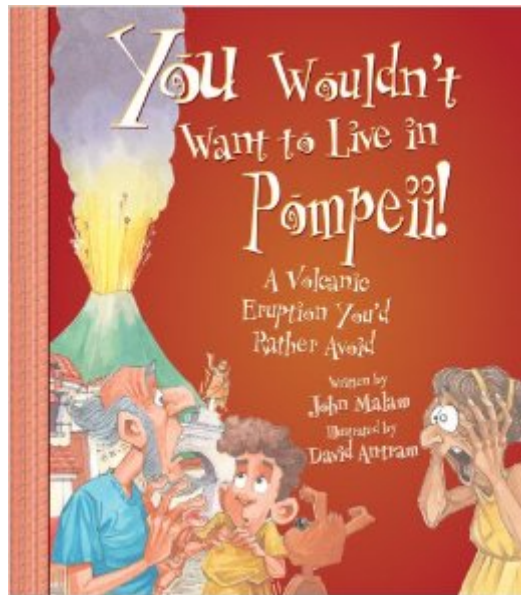


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# You Wouldn't Want To Live In Pompeii! A Volcanic Eruption You'd Rather Avoid



## Synopsis

It's not so bad being a slave in ancient Pompeii. Your owners treat you well and you live in a thriving city. But what's up with the dead fish floating in the river and the gas smell escaping from the ground? You better say your prayers, because when Mount Vesuvius blows its top, no one will be spared!

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Age Range: 8 - 11 years

Grade Level: 3 - 6

## Customer Reviews

I recently stumbled onto the "You Wouldn't Want to..." series and have found them to be a delightful and painless way to introduce young people to different historical concepts. "You Wouldn't Want to Live In Pompeii" is a standout in a standout series of books. It teaches about the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79 that destroyed Pompeii, but it also teaches about Roman culture. The readers will learn that the Romans used enslaved Greek men as teachers for their sons, that the Romans made sacrifices to their gods, foods they ate, types of art, the gladiatorial games and the re-discovery of Pompeii in the 1700s and, more importantly, the archaeological work of Giuseppe Fiorelli in the late 1800s. This would be great for 3rd grade or higher. Even adults can have a good basic understanding of what happened at Pompeii with this little book.

Both fun and entertaining, this book takes dry and even scary episodes in the history of the planet, and reviews the many sides of the event with both humor and intelligence. This is the first book I've read, and while it has the potential to be frightening- the whole eruption of the volcano is dealt with honesty to the dangers, and highlights the survivors. ( Less scary) The illustrations are fun and there is a lot of facts packed into this little book. Each page in itself, could lead to hours of discussion. While it's a lot to digest, I think it will be a neat way to explore life during different times for fifth grade and up. I think many parents will learn a lot of information as well. I can't wait to buy more in the series.

A lively and entertaining book for readers of any age. My middle school students did not find the material too juvenial and I believe that the approach to a tragic event is gentle enough for younger children. I was impressed by the detail provided about both life in ancient Rome and the science behind the eruption of Vesuvius. Excellent!

Another excellent reader in this series. My kids (9 and 12) really like these books. they are very easy to read and they like the illustrations which are pretty comical. It provides lots of great information!

Great book. My son is going through both an ancient history phase and a natural disaster phase. This book (and the series) engages kids with facts (sometimes brutal) in a lighthearted way that helps them understand that history isn't always as romantic as they thought. These books answer the questions that kids often come up with in a creative, easy-to-read way.

I love these books! Several of them are on the shelf of our class "history library." The students love the funny illustrations; I love the fact that accuracy isn't compromised.

Great book! My students are big fans of the "You Wouldn't Want to Be..." series, and this made an excellent addition to my classroom library.

Great read. My students loved it. It arrived quickly too.

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