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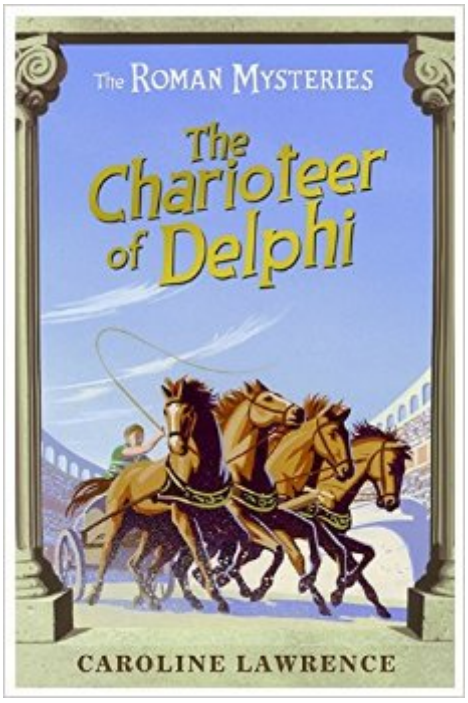

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Synopsis

September AD 80. Flavia and her friends go to Rome to celebrate the Festival of Jupiter at Senator Cornix's town house. When a famous racehorse goes missing, Nubia sets out to recover it. The four friends find themselves caught up in a plot against one of the rival factions, the Greens. Who is trying to sabotage the charioteers? Could it be an inside job, or someone with a grudge from long ago? And how many men and horses will die before the killer is caught?

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Customer Reviews

For the twelfth book in "The Roman Mysteries" series, Caroline Lawrence turns her attention toward chariot racing as her subject matter, a sport whose popularity surpassed gladiator fighting in the eyes of the Romans. Roman Flavia, Jewish Jonathan, African Nubia and tongue-less Lupus are off to Rome in order to enjoy the chariot races at the famous Circus Maximus stadium, having been asked by Lupus's mother to help a friend of hers find a job amongst the horses. Scopas is a strange youth, distant and prickly, but his gift with horses is obvious and he's soon installed amongst the stables of the Green faction of charioteers.It is there that the youngsters are met with another mystery: one of the Greens' prize-winning horses has gone missing, and a large reward is promised to those who can bring him back safely. Excited by this prospect, the foursome begin the search, helped by a mysteries one-legged beggar who seems to know more than he's letting on. But the

search for the stolen stallion is only the beginning of the intrigues in store. Someone is sabotaging the Greens' chances at winning the races, and there's no shortage of suspects for the children to investigate.The focus of books in this series usually alternates between the four main characters, and here it is Nubia who takes center-stage. Haunted by terrible dreams of fire, and discovering a newfound gift in her affiliation with horses, the wise and gentle ex-slave fights her inner demons as she and her friends try to uncover the mystery behind the disappearing horses. Though she is the most grounded of the four children, she's not above acting impulsively or making mistakes, and since Nubia is seldom in the spotlight, it's a welcome change to see her as the central protagonist.

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