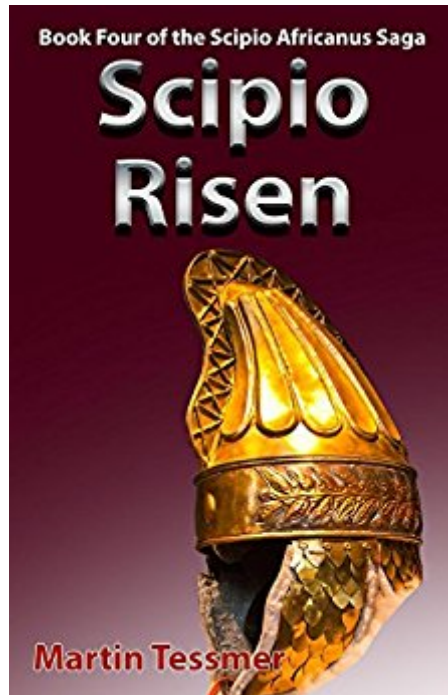


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Synopsis

Second Punic War, 204 BCE. Consul Publius Cornelius Scipio has landed his small army on the shores of North Africa, intent on conquering the Carthaginian empire. Fighting as a stranger in a strange land, Scipio must depend on his legendary guile and invention to offset his numerical disadvantage against the hordes of warriors that stand in his way. While Scipio battles his way towards the city of Carthage, Hannibal fights his way north towards Rome, determined to destroy it. The two legendary generals race to conquer the other's home bases, with the fate of Western civilization hanging in the balance. Follow along with Scipio, the elegant and witty Laelius, and the fearsome Marcus Silenus as they head towards their history-making conflict with the immortal Hannibal the Great.

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Customer Reviews

As young Roman general Scipio battles the senate in Rome as well as enemies on the ground in Carthage he finds his capacity to pull military rabbits out of legionary hats he faces the prospect that his attack on Carthage may well see Romes arch enemy general Hannibal be recalled from Italy and have to face him on a battlefield near Carthage for one of the truly epic battles of that long

series of wars between Rome and Carthage. That recall was probably one of the reasons for Scipio being dispatched to Carthage in an attempt to end the terrible war that had raged in Roman held Italy for about 17 years. Hannibal had effectively won all his battles with the Romans except that the last general in the field Rome put against him was the famous Fabius who earned the well deserved cognomen of Cunctator (the delayer). His idea was to avoid any more battles such as Cannae in 216 BCE where tens of thousands of Rome's soldiers had been outflanked and slaughtered. Scipio, a devout student of history of ancient wars and an admirer of Alexander the Great as well as Hannibal has to try and entice Hannibal onto a battleground of his own choosing, at Zama, near Carthage. The battle is so well described by the author that it would be presumptuous for me to make any attempt at emulating this climactic battle between 2 ancient enemies. I found the book hard to put down as it seems to be such an extraordinary and historic fight that leads you into the twists of a fairly well historically described classic battle. Of course the author has added some dialogue but even much of that is footnoted in this 1st class book.

If one is into the early republic of Rome, this is a book well worth reading. Sadly, most historical fiction books on Rome focus on the Empire and not the Republic periods. This is an exception and the author has stuck very closely to the known facts. One hopes he will write more books on the Republic period.

Really liked it. Some typo issues but overall a good book. Had problems to stop reading, it keeps you going. The author is very honest and clear that this is not a history book, but fiction surrounded by historical events. Recommended.

It was well written. It made Scipio out to be the clear ultimate winner. The lowly Carthaginian Empire never a chance... As long as Scipio's mother... A more entertaining and interesting character... Kept the corrupt Roman senate off his back. The Barcas had no real support or luck... Doomed tragic individuals... Putty in the hands of the brilliant Scipio. Massinissa.... Another tough luck story... But hey, things worked out fine for Rome... And isn't that all that really mattered ^ All in all a good read Darrell Combs

This is the final installment of the Scipio saga. Each of the four books are truly well written and contain plenty of action sequences. The author also footnotes frequently as a historical novel. These were extremely helpful and I will be reading Livy for my next book as the author has inspired

me to do so. Thoroughly enjoyable and well worth the time and money spent.

So enjoyed the whole series. Great from start to finish. Battles, tactics, fighting weapons as well as naval vessels used by both sides and especially Hannibals forerunner of the modern tank, his elephants. Punic Wars came alive for me with this series. Kudos to author Tessmer for putting together a a very readable series.

Have read all four and found myself wanting... Although many grammatical errors not enough to take anything away from the story. Character development is good through out and believable, with a good pace to story line. It brings to light the human side to these fascinating figures from history.

This, the fourth book in the Scipio Africans saga, is the best of a very good series. Mr. Tessmer has carefully drawn out the events as Scipio works to defeat Carthage. The background of the story comes from Rome and the internecine politics. While import, Mr. Tessmer gives them only the amount of time needed without slowing down the action in Africa. His battle strategy and tactics play out with military precision and all the drama that life and death provide. For me this adventure gets my highest rating: "treadmill worthy" -- keeping me occupied while running for an hour at a time. You could read this without reading the first three, but it would be more interesting following the development of Scipio the boy into Scipio the Roman consul.

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