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Guiamo Durmius Stolo sails in 55 B.C. with Rome's 7th Legion as Julius Caesar invades Britain. But Caesar has not before encountered the Fomori, a dominion of wicked creatures which wage war against the human inhabitants and dominate much of Britain. Armed with his god-made spear, Guiamo joins with the tribal kings against their Fomori foe when Caesar departs. Combining legitimate legends with actual historical events, Marshall Best weaves an epic story that portrays the ancient world as it might have been, a world which the ancient historians recorded as fact; a time when gods ruled the earth and strange creatures dominated the land. It is the era of civilized conquerors exploring distant and primitive new lands. Scant recordings left to us today only touch on the fringe of the fantastic and brutal reality that existed in those distant lands of the west. Into this age, young Guiamo enters the world stage as the great game-changer, and by his hand the gods and beasts become destined to disappear into myth and legend.

Cumoro Details

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Sharon Martin says

The second installment of The Chronicles of Guiamo Durmius Stolo. At the end of the first episode our hero has had some basic training but has become increasingly restless and in order to further his quest he signs up to join Caesars army. His first task is to sail to Britain but on landing Caesars army is unsuccessful and has to abandon his invasion attempt leaving behind Guiamo.

The author takes us on a page turning adventure with excellent myths and legends thrown in. The descriptions and situations are expertly described and you feel as if you are right there fighting and combating the evil spirits, carrying his secret weapons and whispering the spells in order for him to achieve greatness and triumph.

This story holds a lot of research and historical facts and the authors knowledge really shines through which holds and captivates the reader into imagining the creatures, people and the way they live and their will to survive.

The extraordinary element is having read the first installment I didn't think the follow up was going to be as enthralling or as good but how wrong was I. I am certainly looking forward with great excitement to the third book.

If you love and I mean love a novel which can take you to a time you didn't live in and bring it to life then this story and the author is for you.

The writers style of writing is simple and with excellent references in the book to the ancient language used, the plot with mythical creatures with dark secrets will appeal to readers of all ages and especially to those of you who like to read a bedtime story to their children (but be warned you could be reading for a long time).

Melanie says

The adventures of Guiamo continue! This book starts with Guiamo landing in Albion with Caesar's ships. He wanted to conduct business there so he went as part of Caesar's army with his good friend Ursius and the dogs. One day, while out with the Roman army, Guiamo became very sick and fainted. In the meantime, the rest of the Romans he was with were ambushed and their bodies were burned. Finding no survivors, Guiamo was presumed dead. We find out he's still alive and is taken before King Eterlam, who gives him a new name (Cuomoro). The King is suspicious of Guiamo and ready to put him to death but with the help of his sword, Guiamo's life is spared and he tells the King his story. When the King realizes how powerful Guiamo is, he allows his training to continue but he is not able to return to the Romans.

There's a lot of fighting in this book and Guiamo is able to employ new strategies and gain the respect of the men around him. In one of the battles, something strange happens with his sword and he is able to learn more about the history behind his sword. The book felt like it wrapped up pretty well but the ending definitely left me ready for the next adventure!

These are not quick, light easy reads. They are so interesting, though, and worth reading for the rich storytelling and history they contain. The author has definitely done his research. I like the way certain details are brought back into the story later on so I feel that every part of the story is significant. I also love what I'm learning from Guiamo's character and how he deals with the situations he finds himself in. This is a time period I'm not familiar with and I'm enjoying learning more about it through such an interesting character.

My only complaint is that I wish there was a Cast of Characters that I could refer to when I forget who someone is. There are lots of unfamiliar names and terms (which there is a Glossary for in the back) and it can take a while for me to figure out what's going on or remember who a certain person is. If you enjoy historical fiction, this is a series that is definitely worth reading! If you've never read historical fiction, this series will make you a fan!

Mel's Shelves

Paul Martin says

Once again I thoroughly enjoyed joining up with Guiamo Durmius Stolo (now Cumoro) to follow his rise. I found this second installment an improvement on even the first book (which I loved!). To say that there is action in this book is a huge understatement. Once the scene is set, it's 'full speed ahead' until the very last page.

The extensive research that has gone into the writing is clearly evident and makes CUMORO a highly recommended read for not only those that love Fantasy but also fans of Historical Fiction.

I have an extensive 'to-read' list but I can already feel Book 3 (Morlanos) clawing it's way towards the top...

Larry B Gray says

Cumoro by Marshall Best, the second book of The Chronicles of Guiamo Durmius Stolo, is an excellent book which will leave you breathless each time you take a break. The action packed, and I mean action packed, adventure is non-stop from page one until the end.

The author did an excellent job of moving seamlessly from where the first book ended directly into this story. The storylines continues to develop and new twists are constantly being added. This volume, though best if read with the first volume, can be read and enjoyed as a stand-alone story. I really like how in this story the author weaves historical facts into the mythological folklore of the era and region.

Marshall Best is an excellent storyteller and part of what makes his stories so good is his character development. Each of his characters are both believable and real to life which makes them easy to identify with. Not only are they strong and wise as you would expect from a hero, but they each have a humanity which comes out in the story.

I really liked Cumoro by Marshall Best and I highly recommend this book to all readers. I recommend you also read the first book of the series, Guiamo, in order to gain the full appreciation of this great series.

[Please note: I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.]

Becca says

Cumoro was GREAT!!!! Cumoro (aka) Guiamo is found yet again in another land from where he was living! There is a quote in this book that I love love love!

It was said by a character by the name of Sreng, he says "It is far better thing to fight for a hope, however faint, than to linger in fear while suffering the pangs of doubt ever gnawing at your soul."! AWESOME!

This book is filled with battle after battle and I couldn't put it down! I find my self loving Curmoro (Guiamo) even more in this book! He amazes me! I love his connection with the land and the animals! I love that no matter what situation he is in, he is always doing the best he can!

I am really loving this series! I cannot wait to see where the adventure takes me next! Thanks Marshall Best for introducing me to an era I probably never would have read about if it wasn't for these amazing books!

(I was given this book in exchange for my honest review)

CCAM&GZM says

Cumoro, the second volume of The Chronicles of Guiamo Durmius Stolo Series continues the wonderful adventures of the young Guiamo in the entrancing anciently world. If in the first book we had a fresco of Roman life during the Republic period strewn with historical events, now we will reach the mirifical world of fantasy. The true historical moments will be much less being only the trigger for our hero's new adventures.

To put spurs to your imagination, the author will make a 180 degree turn in the story flow and the real will be replaced by the imaginary. The world in which Caesar was the law begins to resemble more and more to the bygone Greek legends, the old heroes' times when the bound between the realm of the gods and the human's was more permeable. But no the gods or other legendary characters of the Greco-Roman world will ignite the pages, but the Celtic mythology ones because the set for the second volume of the series will be the dark and mystical world, literally and figuratively, of the old Albion.

Young Guiamo will arrive in Britannia with the first Roman invasion of the island, that of Caesar in 55 B.C. Through an unfortunate combination of circumstances for him, but that will prove to be auspicious for the inhabitants of those places, Guiamo will find himself quite quickly caught up in a new conflict at a totally different caliber. The little Caesar's escapade will prove to have been only a trivial firework compared to the warfare that was taking place between local tribes and the terrible forces of Darkness. Of course, the inventive and brilliant Guiamo as we know him and a bit more mature, will not give back to the new challenges. Assuming the new situation and recognizing in it the words of the oracle, Guiamo will rise again to the situation with the imagination and determination showed in the first volume.

What this volume brings extra? Action! Yes, action with a capital A! You will have full pages of atrocious battles, of bloody fights whose outcome will oscillate to one side to the other. There will be no more the elegant and brilliant Caesar's maneuvers that could win a battle like a game of chess. Will be the wild frays of those feral times and places. The way of being and acting of the opponent leaves not too many options. So get ready! Forget about that cute and exuberant kid and meet an unleashed Guiamo and his wrath.

The book's style is the same as in the first volume: fluent and charming. Obviously the tone of this volume will be a little more sober and the funny moments of the first book will not find their place here, but rest assured, you will not lose anything.

I guarantee you will not be disappointed, and if you enjoyed the first volume, this one will make you to read it breathless. As I said to you in the review of the first novel is a welcome reading for young, but that can be read with pleasure at any age.

Happy Reading!

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Billy Buttons says

This book was recently entered and was a GOLD medal winner in The Wishing Shelf Book Awards. This is what our readers thought:

Star Rating: 5 stars

Number of Readers: 27

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'I loved Myths and Legends when I was in primary school so this was perfect for me. Amazing covers and tantalising blurbs. I enjoyed all four of the books very much.' Boy, aged 14

'Lots of history in the four novels balanced with page-turning plots. The teenagers in my class enjoyed every second of them. I particularly liked the interesting, fully-formed characters and the wonderful descriptive prose bringing the historical setting to life.' Teacher, year 10

'I understand the Roman time much better now. I liked the fact the hero was intelligent.' Girl, aged 13

'Full of lessons for young readers, this set of books is a fabulous delight for any teenager. A mix of magic and myths and high adventure. I read them with my three sons over two weeks for The Wishing Shelf Book Awards. We loved every minute of it. We thought they were, by far, the best books in the award this year.'

Parent

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27 would read another book by this author.

15 thought the best part of the books was the exciting plot.

10 thought the best part of the books was the accessible style of the writing.

2 thought the best part was the character/setting descriptions.

'A fantastical blend of myths and history topped with a first class adventure. A GOLD medal winner and highly recommended.' The Wishing Shelf Awards

Eric says

Onto book three of the series. Fun stuff and an easy read.
