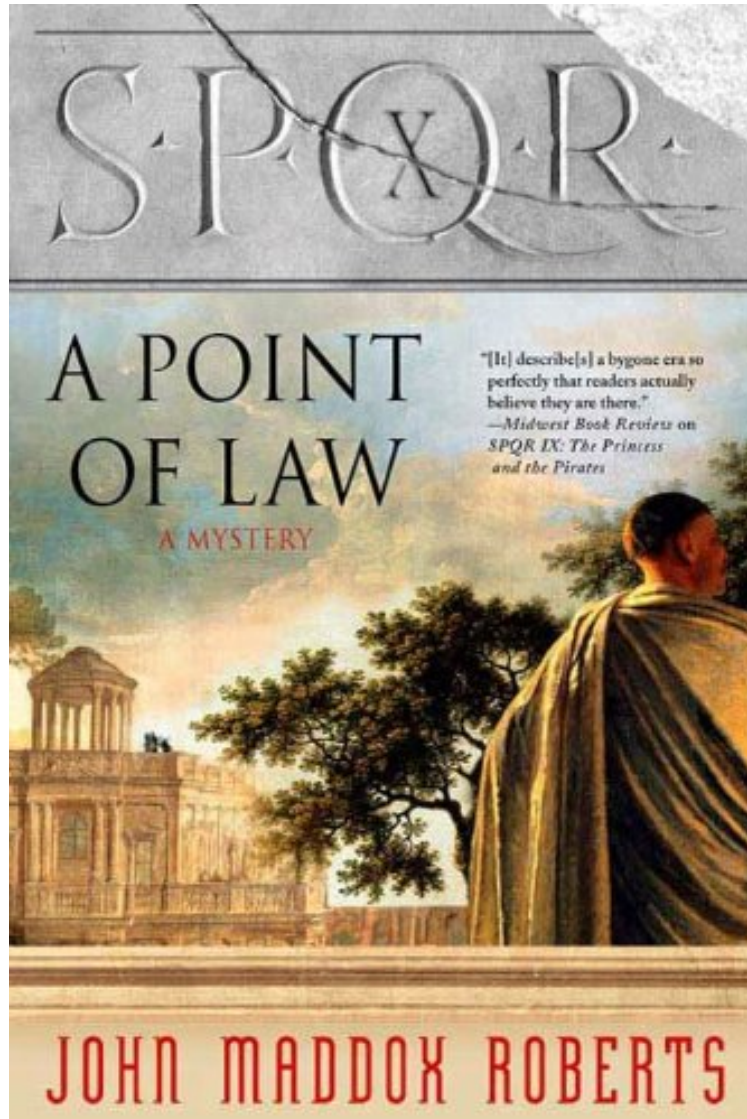


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Korruption beschuldigt und öffentlich angeklagt. Doch die Anklage am nächsten Morgen findet nicht statt, denn der Ankläger Fluvius liegt ermordet auf den Stufen des Gerichtsgebüdes. Da seine Wahl zum Prator unmittelbar bevorsteht, bleiben Decius nur wenige Tage, um seine Unschuld zu beweisen. Auch im mittlerweile zehnten römischen Krimi geht John Maddox Roberts der Stoff nicht aus: Ein gyptischer Ring taucht zusammen mit einer Geheimschrift auf, die beide dem ebenfalls ermordeten Mathematiker Aristobulus zugeordnet werden. Ein Tribun tuscht einen Berfall vor, um seine Wählerstimmen zu vermehren, seine Lebensgefährtin Fluvia hingegen reißt sich in echtem oder vorgetuschem Schmerz öffentlich die Kleider vom Leibe. Und was macht Decius? Er fühlt sich als Opfer der großen Politik und erhält dabei Unterstützung von dem indiskreten Historiker Sallustius. Die entscheidenden Ermittlungserfolge verschafft er sich jedoch wie immer selbst und auf unkonventionellem Wege, unter anderem bei einer sowohl ausgiebigen wie aufschlussreichen Weinprobe. Auch in diesem Band wird der anspruchsvolle Leser auf anspruchsvolle Weise unterhalten, wenn auch die vielen politischen Verknüpfungen auf Dauer etwas verwirrend sind. Ein wenig fehlen Frische und Leichtigkeit der ersten Bände, dennoch bleiben sich Decius und sämtliche Protagonisten treu: So lange das Garum nicht aus geht und der Wein nicht zu stark verdünnt ist, könnte alles noch schlimmer kommen... 6 von 9 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Back in top form Von kashew Just love this series and the latest story has Decius back in top form. The plot is summarized nicely already. Decius is generally at his best when in Rome ... and this story is no exception. The "supporting cast", including his wife Julia and Hermes his ex-slave bodyguard, add spice to the stories. As Decius refers to his survival to old age, I look forward to more of these great stories. 1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. SPQR - my absolute favourite Von die pythia I love the whole series. I read it in German and in English and could not stop. I would recommend the SPQR books for all who love crime stories and like to learn more about historic places, figures and living background. I would give seven stars if possible.

Kurzbeschreibung Being under suspicion of murder did not hamper my freedom. This is because Romans are civilized people and don't clap suspects into prison like barbarians do. It would take an order of a lawfully convened court even to place me under house arrest. That's Decius Caecilius Metellus speaking---Senator Decius Caecilius Metellus, please. He is at an outdoor rally in Rome where he is campaigning for election to the praetorship. It looks like a shoo-in, until a man named Fulvius, of whom Decius has never heard, arrives at the pre-election proceedings with a small army of hoodlums and begins to shout to the assembled voters that Decius is a thief and worse. While this is not an unknown effort used to ruin a candidate's chances, it is enough to have Decius's father call a meeting of family and friends--a meeting that ends with the participants going home determined to find some answers to stop Fulvius's efforts to ruin Decius's chances. Early the next morning, however, as Decius and his friends are on their way to the trial, Fulvius's body is found slashed to death on the steps of the basilica, where the court will be sitting. And that doesn't look good for our hero. For those readers who have met Decius before, the next step is clear: the man is a brilliant detective, and he is certainly now in a position where that skill is needed. So it's doubly important for Decius, with the help of his wife, Julia, and the ex-slave Hermes, to find the solution to the most personal--and possibly most difficult--puzzle that has come his way. From Publishers Weekly The political turmoil that precedes Julius Caesar's return to Rome serves as the compelling backdrop for Roberts's 10th historical to feature nobleman Decius Caecilius Metellus the Younger (after 2005's *The Princess and the Pirates*). Decius is standing for election as praetor, a judicial position that's viewed as a stepping-stone to a governorship. On the eve of the vote, an unknown man, Marcus Fulvius, accuses Decius of corruption, threatening what had seemed like a sure thing. Still reeling from the charges, Decius finds himself in deeper trouble after Fulvius turns up dead. Aided by family members and friends, Decius teases out the competing powers with a stake in his defeat. The death throes of the Roman Republic are a worthy setting for a thriller, and Roberts displays his usual deftness in making the period come to life. Those more interested in the murder's solution may be disappointed by the Perry Mason-like device employed to expose the culprit. (May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen "The death throes of the Roman Republic are a worthy setting for a thriller, and Roberts displays his usual deftness in making the period come to life."