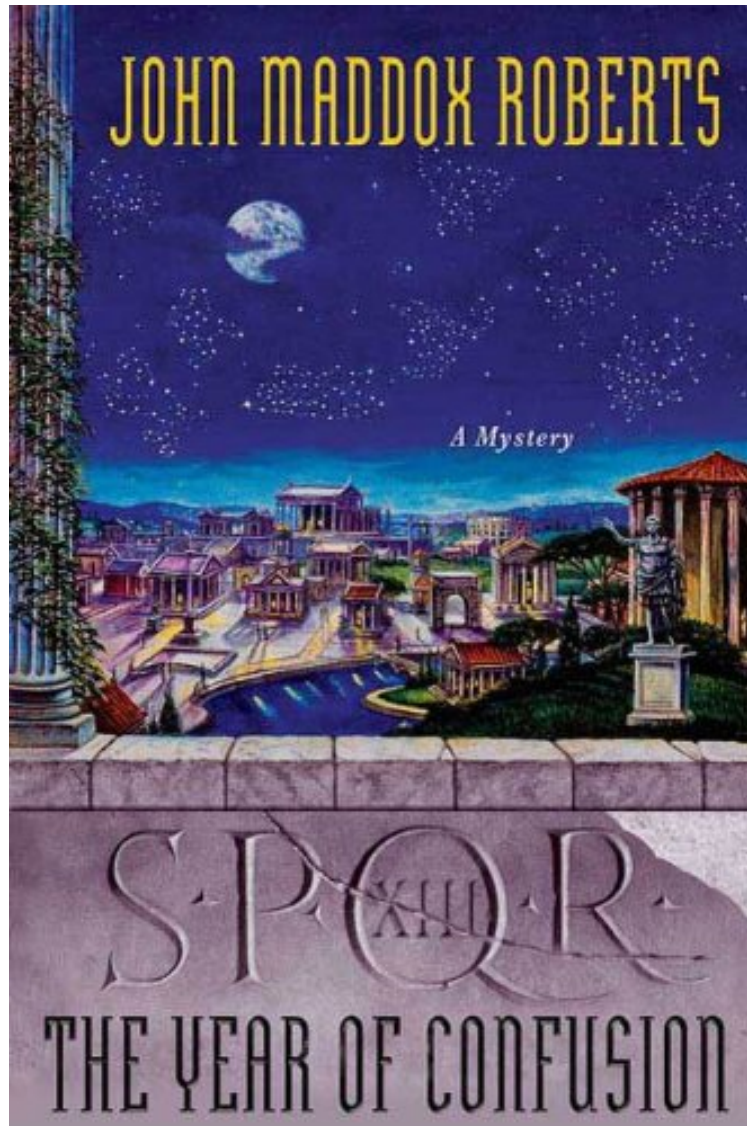


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Ende der Republik Eine neue Zeit ist angebrochen: Caesar ist in Rom einmarschiert, hat die Truppen von Pompeius und Cato besiegt und sich vom Senat zum Diktator ausrufen lassen. Und Decius? Er verweilt nicht mehr als Prtor in Italien. Da seine Amtszeit vorbei und in Rom wieder Ruhe eingekehrt ist, arbeitet der Lebeamann nun für Caesar als eine Art Privatsekretär, auch wenn er sich häufig nur wie dessen Laufbursche vorkommt. Zunächst muss er Beschwerden über Caesars neu eingeführten Kalender entgegennehmen. Als jedoch zwei der führenden Astronomen ermordet werden, wird der Senator vom römischen Caesar zum Chefermittler ernannt. Im voraussichtlich letzten Krimi von John Maddox Roberts brodelt es gewaltig. Obwohl durch den Einzug von Caesars Truppen scheinbar die Ordnung wieder hergestellt ist, sind die Jahre 45 und 46 v. Chr. geprägt von politischen Intrigen und Klugeleien. Die Patrizier, allen voran Brutus und Cassius, planen bereits den Umsturz, hochrangige Mütter versuchen, ihre Söhne als Caesars Nachfolger ins Spiel zu bringen und skrupellose Damen bereichern sich und intrigieren aus purer Langeweile. Der Diktator hingegen plant, sich nach einem erfolgreichen Feldzug gegen die Parther zum Pharao und Weltherrscher zu erheben. Anhand solcher wichtiger politischer Begebenheiten geht die Ermittlung von Decius Metellus fast zur Nebensache. Einziger Trost: von seinem Ex-Sklaven Hermes wird er durch einen Notschlauch unverdächtigsten Weines stets vor dem Austrocknen bewahrt. Der letzte Krimi von Roberts vermag den Leser nicht so recht zu packen. Dennoch ist er aus politischer Sicht interessant und aktuell, wie immer mit hintergründigem Humor versehen und durchaus gut zu lesen. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Badly researched Von Grtnerin Each of the SPQR novels contains minor mistakes - mistakes a good editor would and should have caught. Mostly the novels are well researched. It is a good test: if a historian doesn't run away screaming, they cannot be that bad. However, this last novel is flee-ridden with historical errors and - which is even more surprising - inconsistencies with prior novels of the series. The most important mistake: Caesar did NOT shorten a year arbitrarily. The author confuses Caesar with Pope Gregor. First, it would not have made sense astronomically nor mathematically. The author's calculation (3 months less, plus three additional months in the next year) doesn't add up (had Caesar shortened the first year, he would have had to extend the following year by 6 months!). Secondly, contrary to the allegation in the book, Caesar timed the calendar reform to minimise the effect on religious festivities. This mistake also affects even the title of the book. The Romans referred to the year of the reform as the "Last Year of Confusion" - ie as having ended the previous chaos. As mystery, the novel also has some serious shortcomings.

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