

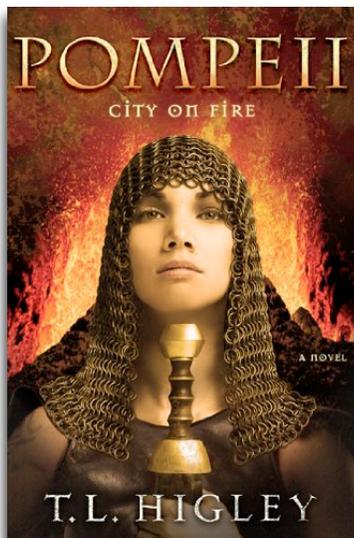


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Two unlikely allies join forces (and hearts) in Pompeii

No Passport Required author sets latest historical fiction inside the “Lost City”



WHO: T.L. Higley author of *Pompeii: City on Fire* (B&H Books, June 2011, \$14.99, 978-143-366-857-9).

WHAT: Before it was destroyed in a fiery volcano explosion, Pompeii was the ultimate aristocratic getaway. A thriving seaside town where wealthy Romans lived in luxury, Pompeii saw no shortage of thrills – and corruption.

So when “No Passport Required” author, T.L. Higley, imagined the setting for her next antiquity adventure, Pompeii beckoned. The result is *Pompeii: City on Fire* (B&H Books, June 2011, \$14.99, 978-143-366-857-9) a story whose two principal characters are from opposite sides of the political, cultural, and gender lines.

Cato is a failed Roman politician, who has just fled the city of his political shame. In Pompeii, he puts down new roots as a leisurely winemaker, where he meets a young “lad” named Ari. “Ari” is actually Ariella, a young girl from Jerusalem sold into slavery. To escape, she has disguised herself as a boy and joined a gladiator troupe, where she is now a top fighter. Fueled by anger, she fights well – but Cato is determined to rescue her from the arena for good.

What neither Cato nor Ariella anticipates is the evil power of Pompeii’s magnanimous leader, or the fragility of Vesuvius, quietly simmering in the background.

WHEN: Higley is available for an interview at your convenience.

TALKING POINTS:

- How did you research this book?
- You took your daughter with you to Italy for this research trip. Why is it important to expose children to historically rich corners of the world?
- Your historical novels are set in antiquity. Why are you fascinated with the ancient world?
- What might surprise readers about Pompeii?
- You’re a mom, an entrepreneur, a successful historical fiction novelist. What’s the key to balance?

T.L. HIGLEY is the author of nine historical fiction novels, including the popular Seven Wonders series. An avid traveler, she is currently earning her MA at American Public University in Ancient and Classical Studies, and is a regular history speaker at writers’ conferences and high schools. Higley lives outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania with her family. For more information, please visit www.tlhigley.com.

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