

Caroline Lawrence

Caroline taught at Dolphin Christian School in London, and based the characters of her first novel on an amalgam of students in that school. During that year she was short-listed by a national newspaper as preacher of the year. The Principal at that time was Sue Rogers, wife of Tim Rogers, (Beacon Media resource writer). Tim tried, unsuccessfully, to hire her as art teacher for the pioneering staff of Thames Christian College, his new secondary school. Caroline writes high quality novels, the first series were screened on UK TV and are for sale as DVDs. Her Roman Mysteries introduce the shepherd god who progressively gets know as Jesus, the leader of an emerging Jewish cult. From there a gospel presentation is revealed, in a way that is a Trojan Horse for non-Christian schools and audiences. Her novels have been translated into many languages and been a huge success. A set should be in every Christian school library. Firstly, because they are high quality literature, and secondly because they platform a learning of the ancient world at the time of the disciples and spread of Christianity around the Roman Empire. The narratives are fast moving and attractive to readers.

(See www.dolphinschool.org.uk and www.thameschristiancollege.org.uk)

Caroline is an English American author, best known for *The Roman Mysteries* series of historical novels for children. The series is about a Roman girl called Flavia and her three friends: Nubia (a freed slave girl), Jonathan (a shunned Jewish boy) and Lupus (a beggar boy without a tongue). The series has won numerous awards and has been published in many different languages worldwide. In March 2010, Caroline Lawrence was commissioned to write another history mystery series of books called The Western Mysteries, set in Virginia City Nevada Territory in the early 1860s.

Caroline was born in London, England. Her American parents returned to the United States shortly afterwards and she grew up in Bakersfield, California with her younger brother and sister. Her father taught English and drama in a local high school and her mother was an artist.

When she was twelve, Caroline's family moved to Stanford University in northern California so that her father could study Linguistics. Caroline inherited her father's love of words and her mother's love of art. She subsequently studied Classics at Berkeley, where she won a Marshall Scholarship to Cambridge. There, at Newnham College, she studied Classical Art and Archaeology.

After Cambridge, Caroline remained in England, and later took an MA in Hebrew and Jewish Studies at University College London. She then taught Latin, French and art at a small London primary school. In 2000 she wrote *The Thieves of Ostia*, the first in a series of children's adventure stories set in Ancient Rome, the book was published in 2001. *The Roman Mysteries* combine Caroline's love of art history, ancient languages and travel. Her other passions include cinema, jazz and London. Caroline has a son Simon, from a previous marriage, and she now lives by the Thames in London with her husband Richard, a graphic designer. In 2009, Caroline won the Classical Association Prize for "a significant contribution to the public understanding of Classics".^[1]

References

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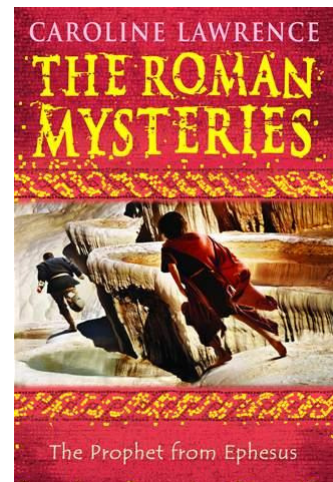
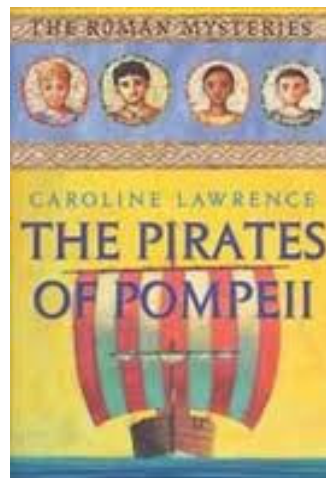
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