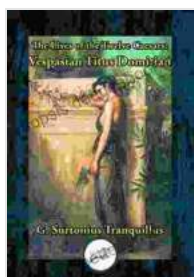


# Lives of the Twelve Caesars: Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian

The Lives of the Twelve Caesars is a collection of biographies of the first twelve Roman emperors written by the Roman historian Suetonius.



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This article will examine the lives and reigns of three of these emperors: Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian, who ruled Rome during the Flavian Dynasty.

## Vespasian

Vespasian (9 CE - 79 CE) was the first emperor of the Flavian Dynasty. He was born in the small town of Reate in central Italy, the son of a tax collector. Vespasian's early career was spent in the military. He fought in

the Roman army in Germany and Britain, and later served as governor of Africa and Judea.

In 69 CE, Vespasian was proclaimed emperor by his troops after the death of Nero. He defeated his rivals in the Year of the Four Emperors and established the Flavian Dynasty.

Vespasian's reign was marked by a number of important accomplishments.

- He restored order and stability to the Roman Empire after the chaos of the Year of the Four Emperors.
- He reformed the Roman army and made it more efficient.
- He began construction on the Colosseum, one of the most iconic buildings in Rome.
- He granted Roman citizenship to all free inhabitants of the empire.

Vespasian was a popular emperor who was respected for his military prowess, his administrative skills, and his financial prudence.

## **Titus**

Titus (39 CE - 81 CE) was the son of Vespasian. He was born in Rome and was raised in the imperial court.

Titus's career followed a similar path to his father's.

- He served in the Roman army and won victories in Germany and Judea.
- He was appointed governor of Judea by his father.

- He led the Roman army in the siege of Jerusalem in 70 CE, which ended with the destruction of the city.

In 79 CE, Titus succeeded his father as emperor.

Titus's reign was brief, but it was marked by a number of important events.

- He completed the construction of the Colosseum.
- He dedicated the Temple of Jupiter on the Capitoline Hill.
- He hosted the Roman Games, which were the largest and most elaborate games ever held in the city.

Titus was a popular emperor who was known for his generosity, his kindness, and his love of the people.

## **Domitian**

Domitian (51 CE - 96 CE) was the younger son of Vespasian.

He was born in Rome and was raised in the imperial court.

Domitian's career followed a similar path to his father's and brother's.

- He served in the Roman army and won victories in Germany and Britain.
- He was appointed governor of Gaul by his father.
- He was appointed consul by his brother Titus.

In 81 CE, Domitian succeeded his brother as emperor.

Domitian's reign was marked by a number of important events.

- He expanded the Roman Empire by conquering parts of Germany and Dacia.
- He built a number of public works projects, including the Baths of Domitian and the Stadium of Domitian.
- He persecuted Christians and Jews.

Domitian was a controversial emperor who was both admired and feared.

He was assassinated in 96 CE by a group of conspirators.

## **Legacy**

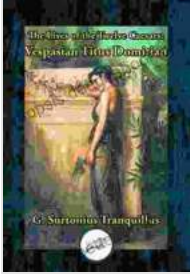
The Flavian Dynasty was a time of great change and upheaval in the Roman Empire.

The three emperors Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian played a significant role in shaping the course of Roman history.

They restored order and stability to the empire after the chaos of the Year of the Four Emperors, reformed the army, expanded the empire, and built a number of important public works projects.

Their reigns also saw the rise of Christianity and the persecution of Christians and Jews.

The Flavian Dynasty is a fascinating period in Roman history, and the lives of Vespasian, Titus, and Domitian are essential reading for anyone who wants to understand this important era.



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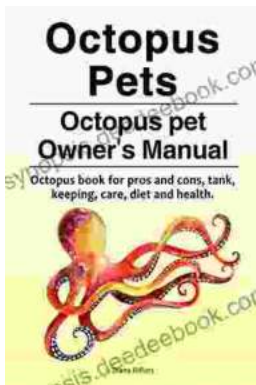
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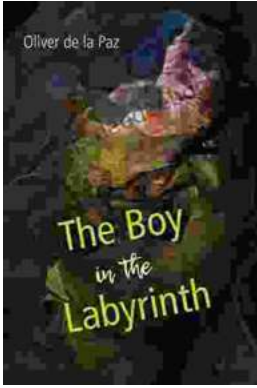
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