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GERMANICUS

The Magnificent Life and Mysterious Death of
Rome's Most Popular General

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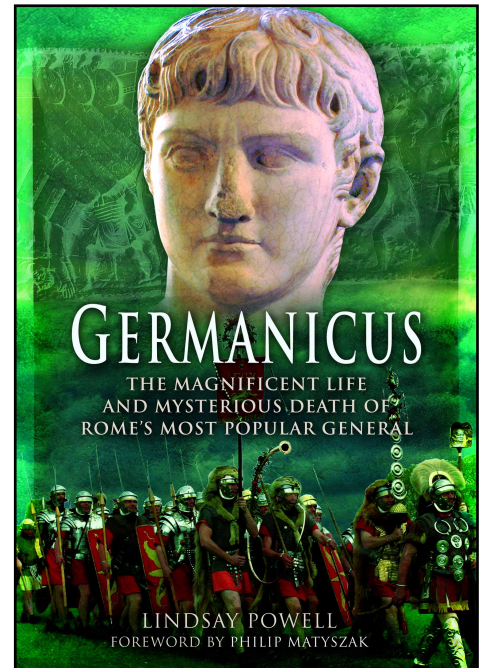
Germanicus Julius Caesar was regarded by many Romans as a hero in the mould of Alexander the Great. His untimely death, in suspicious circumstances, ended the possibility of a return to a more open republic as well as ambitions for the outright conquest of Germania Magna (Germany). This is the first full-length biography to tell his fascinating story. Partly a history of war, partly a tale of political intrigue, it is also a gripping real-life murder mystery.

Born in 16 BC, Germanicus grew up to be a skilled diplomat and a bold soldier. He married the granddaughter of Augustus (by whom he fathered the infamous Emperor Caligula) and was responsible for avenging Rome's humiliating defeat at the Teutoburg Forest through victories at Idistaviso and Angrivarian Wall (AD 16) and the recovery of two of the three lost standards. Although his reputation and popularity were immense, Germanicus' fortunes waned when he fell out with one of Tiberius' appointees, Piso.

Germanicus' sudden and mysterious death at the age of 34 was ancient Rome's 'JFK moment' and brought on great outpourings of public grief and anger. Many suspected he was murdered and Piso was put on trial – but died himself under suspicious circumstances before a verdict could be reached.

In this highly readable and fast paced account, historical detective Lindsay Powell details the life and death of a true Roman action hero.

Lindsay Powell is a regular contributor to *Ancient Warfare* magazine and a veteran of The Ermine Street Guard. He is now working on a biography of Marcus Agrippa which will be published by Pen & Sword in 2014.



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- The first full-length biography since Roman times to tell the life story of Germanicus.
- Tracks Germanicus' epic tour of the Eastern Mediterranean to Armenia and down the Nile.
- Examines the mysterious circumstances surrounding his untimely death.
- Fast-paced account of a real-life Roman action hero.
- Re-assesses the 'Germanicus Tradition' popularised by the great artists Rubens, Poussin and Turner.