

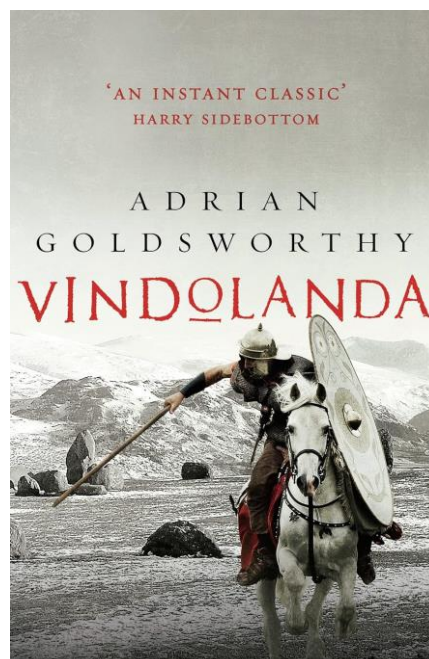


Mr Bartlett Reviews

Vindolanda by Adrian Goldsworthy

Adrian Goldsworthy is an eminent military historian who specialises in the Roman army. Consequently, his historical fiction is thoroughly researched, whilst also possessing a pacey narrative.

I recently visited the British Museum's excellent "Legion" exhibition, which features an extensive display of artefacts from the excavations of the Roman fort at Vindolanda, in Northumberland, including 1,700 tablets inscribed with details of conditions living there. This prompted me to re-read Goldsworthy's "Vindolanda," the first book in his trilogy of the same name. At the northern outpost of the empire, before the construction of Hadrian's wall, Flavius Ferox, a Briton and Roman centurion, must keep the peace despite rebellious tribes fighting against Rome and druids preaching the fiery destruction of the invaders.



I found the saga thoroughly engrossing and I would warmly recommend both the trilogy and the exhibition, which runs until 23 June 2024.

www.britishmuseum.org/legion-life-roman-army