



Latin 4

Texts

1. Harris, Robert. *Pompeii*. Random House: November 8th, 2005.

We are reading this text at the beginning of our Latin 4 journey because this course is an investigation of Roman daily life. The primary Latin text that we'll be reading next year is Petronius' *Satyricon*, considered by some to be the first novel ever written. One of the main characters in the *Satyricon* is a man named Encolpius; in the modern novel *Pompeii*, Robert Harris models one of his protagonists on this same character. Besides all that, *Pompeii* is a great read: it's about being on vacation in the summer, relaxing without a care in the world, until a major crisis strikes. In other words, a perfect beach read!