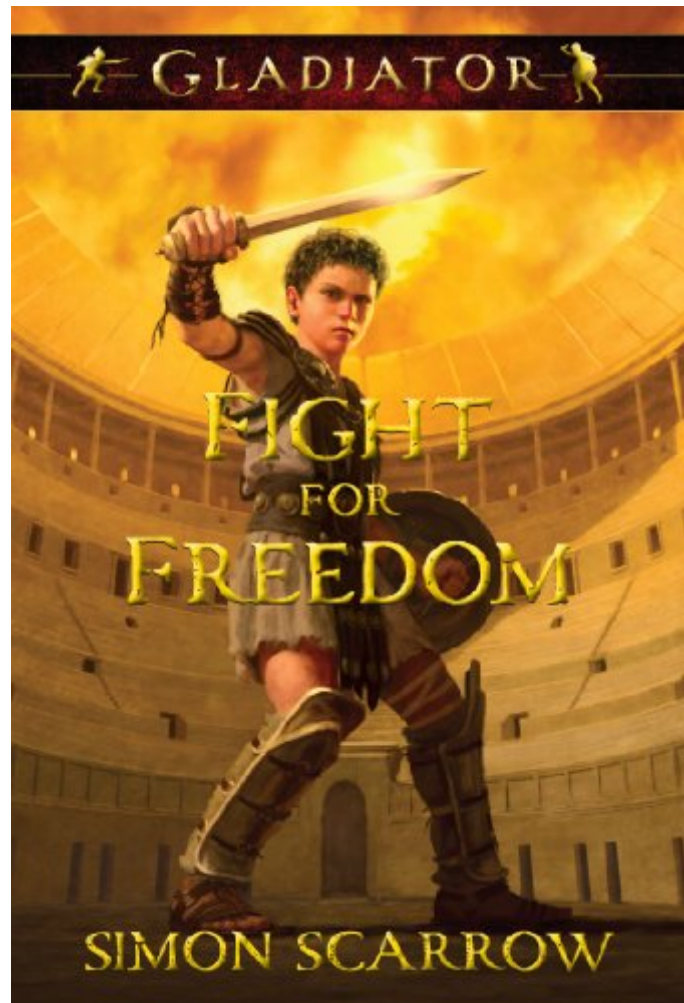




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# Fight For Freedom: Fight For Freedom (Fiction - Upper Grade)



## Synopsis

Eleven-year-old Marcus is forced to train and fight as a gladiator in this fast-paced action-adventure set in Ancient Rome.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Simon Scarrow expands his literary (Roman) empire into the realm of children's books, with the first in a new series: "Fight for Freedom". Scarrow is most well-known for his action adventure "Eagle" series which focuses on a pair of Roman Legionaries fighting the good fight for the Emperor during the early years of the first century. With "Fight for Freedom", he steps back a century back in time, centering around the years following the Spartacus rebellion. A young boy's father is killed, and he and his mother wind up at a slave auction setting up a this nice adventurous tale. After being captured and sold as a slave during a bungled attempt to stow away on a ship, the hero Marcus listens to his introduction at his new residence - a gladiator training school south of Rome. "This is your new home. This is the only home you have from now on. Where you came from is no more than a memory, and it will go easier with you if you try to forget your past lives. That is all dead to

you now. All that remains is to learn how to fight and survive."The plot is cliched and most conclusions are obvious. Scarrow does a nice job, however, of imbuing the story with a strong sense of historical "place", as well as dealing with the issues of slavery and how much it impacted ancient daily life. Overall, the book is a solid three. BUT...it scored very highly with my 12-year old son who loved the action, the melodramatic cartoonish violence, and the relatively realistically portrayed ancient roman themes of honor, citizenship, and gladiatorial/warrior glory. He can't wait for book 2 which move it's focus to Rome itself. The story is violent by the nature of its topic, but it's not over the top and shouldn't shock a modern, TV-hardened boy of 11 years and older. This comes nowhere near the depth of Sutcliffe's "Eagle of the Ninth", to whom Scarrow dedicated this novel, but it's a good-hearted children's tale and a fun read.

Gladiator-Fight for Freedom Simon Scarrow is a flexible and very effective writer. I have read all his books with great interest and full enjoyment. He has an ability to cater for readers of all ages. In this book, the first of a series for young adults, he has maintained an easy to read, flowing style of writing without excessive details to confuse young readers or to slow down the development of events or the overall plot of the story. The book is a great read for students from mid-primary to mid-high school age range. It gives readers considerable insight into Roman history, especially gladiatorial training and Roman attitudes to blood sports. I read the book in a very short period of time and found it relaxing, informative and enjoyable enough to look forward to the next book in the series.

It's an exciting story with unexpected turns and a lot of cruel violence. The plot tends to be rather implausible and the glimpse we gain of social life, especially among slaves and their owners, is questionable. This book is obviously the first of a series and aimed at young people. In places the prose is stilted and hardly worthy of a renowned author

I have read all Simon Scarrow Macro/Cato series. I should have paid more attention that this was for YA. I didn't care much for it, but I think a YA interested in Ancient Rome and the gladiator revolt will like it a lot. But it is not in the same class with Macro/Cate and the Eagle series. But it is well written with great attention to historical detail which characterizes the Eagle Series.

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I think young adult men would enjoy reading this book as it brings ancient Rome right up to the present.

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Excellent story. The plot as revealed is surprising as well as expected in the back of one's mind. I look forward to the next in the series.

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