

Pandora's Boy by Lindsey Davis

4 stars

Flavia Albia is an ancient Roman version of Miss Marple

Flavia Alba was born in Britannia and adopted by Marcus Didius Falco (of Falco novel series) who became a famous private investigator during the reign of Emperor Vespasian. Flavia became the new sleuth during the reign of Emperor Domitian.

Flavia Alba was hired by Dolumnius Firmus and Sentia Lucretia to investigate the death of their daughter, Clodia, when she heard the big fight between Clodia's grandmothers in an atrium.

The love potion from Pandora was thought to be the poison, but there was no poison, no off-colour and no vomit syndromes on Clodia's corpse, according to the doctor's autopsy report.

Flavia Albia interviewed the suspects including Clodia's lover, Vincentius Theo, and her brother, Voluminius Auctus, who arrived in Rome from the army in North Africa. Flavia got some clues and then assembled all the interviewed suspects including Clodia's family, like Miss Marple, who had the final answer to the death of the victim.

I still enjoy this ancient Roman historical detective novel series as I compare Falco and Flavia to Poirot and Miss Marple from Agatha Christie.

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