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"A warmly welcome sequel looks assured." ?Kirkus Reviews

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"The characters are so life-like they almost spring of the page.... An engrossing storyline, full of teeth-clenching battles, political machinations, treachery, honour, love, and death." -Elizabeth Chadwick, award-winning author of *The Marsh King's Daughter*.

"Everyone has been raving about the film *Gladiator*, but Cato's story is its equal in bloody cut and thrust and has the bonus of conspiracy and intrigue to give it extra flavour." -The Northern Echo (UK)

"A good, uncomplicated, rip-roaring read." -Mail on Sunday (UK)

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"A good story well written is a pleasure to read. Scarrow does this and more in his debut historical novel... Tightly paced... Fans of the historical novel... will appreciate Scarrow's detailed research." -Cambridgeshire Journal (UK)

"A gripping tale." -Warrington Guardian (UK)

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Simon Scarrow is a high school history teacher living in Norfolk, England. *Under the Eagle* is his first book.

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