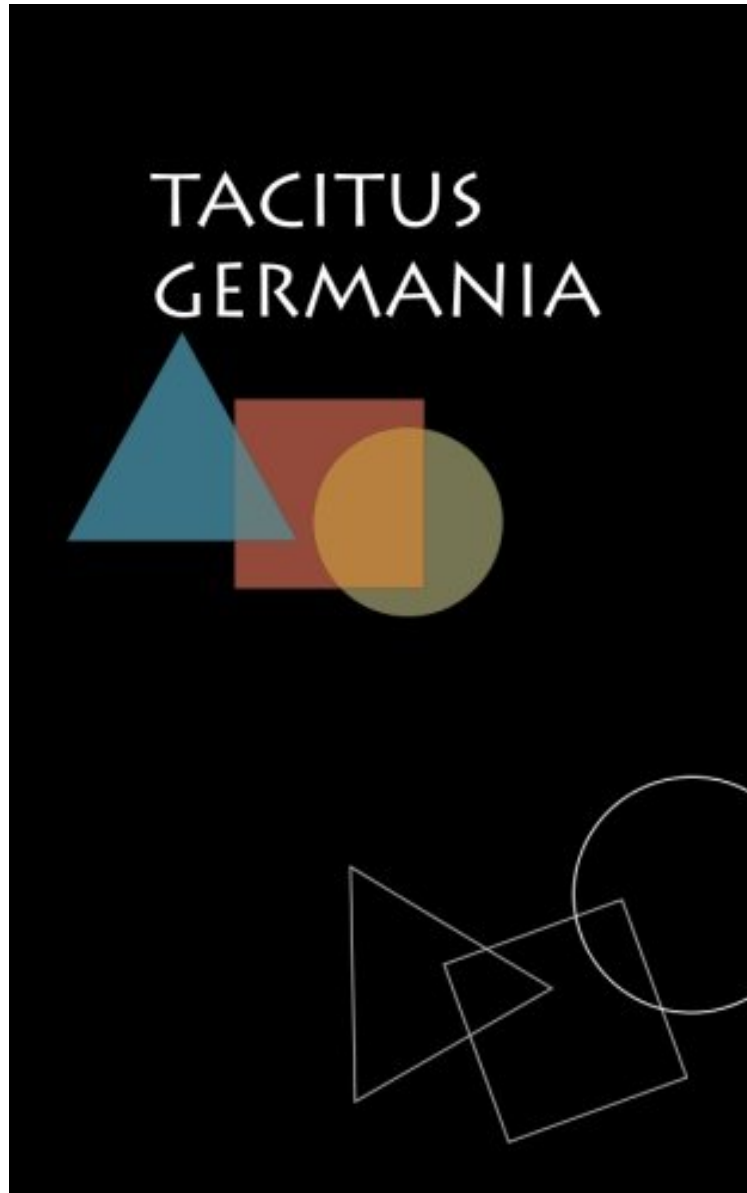


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**Tacitus : Germania** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Germania:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Germania by Cornelius TacitusBy Ron SpolarTranslated by Thomas Gordon. Often the wording used in translating the original text is clearly not modern English. Therefore understanding

what is written here is often difficult. I don't have a dictionary of Old English or Middle English or whatever this is so I'm at a loss. Better job could have been done in translating. A problem not of the translator's is the names of these Germanic tribes. I can find no map from this era that identifies these tribal states. If there exists such information ; it would be helpful to have an Appendix with such maps and definitions of the tribes. Otherwise this is valuable as an observation of Germanic peoples, their dress, something of their culture, their values at this point in time. Apparently none other exists. I would like to see someone extract more comprehensible history out of this in put it into modern English. I could certainly be wrong in my judgement here but as a direct translation of historic Greek this is "raw." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. When Germans Were Really Germans! By Leffingwell The great classic on Germany will always be just that, a classic! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. First half of the book is awesome By SteveFist half is awesome. The last half is very specific. It seems he lists and describes so many types of Germanic tribes that is hard to keep track of which is which. The only way to really know what the people of Germania were like would be to travel back in time and see for yourself.. But i would imagine how intimidating some of them would be. Overall very good read.

Already a key text in German history textbooks, Germania took on a darker identity in the 20th century as a Bible for National Socialists. The golden booklet obsessed Heinrich Himmler, so much so that the second most powerful man in Nazi Germany ordered special forces to steal the oldest surviving manuscript from an Italian villa. (They failed.) As Reichsfuehrer of the SS, Himmler deliberately modeled his dreaded elite troops after Tacitus's descriptions of the tightknit bands of young warriors. As he ominously proclaimed in his diary, Thus shall we be again. Michael Dirda, The Washington Post, 7/6/2011. For myself, I concur in opinion with such as suppose the people of Germany never to have mingled by inter-marriages with other nations, but to have remained a people pure, and independent, and resembling none but themselves. TACITUS