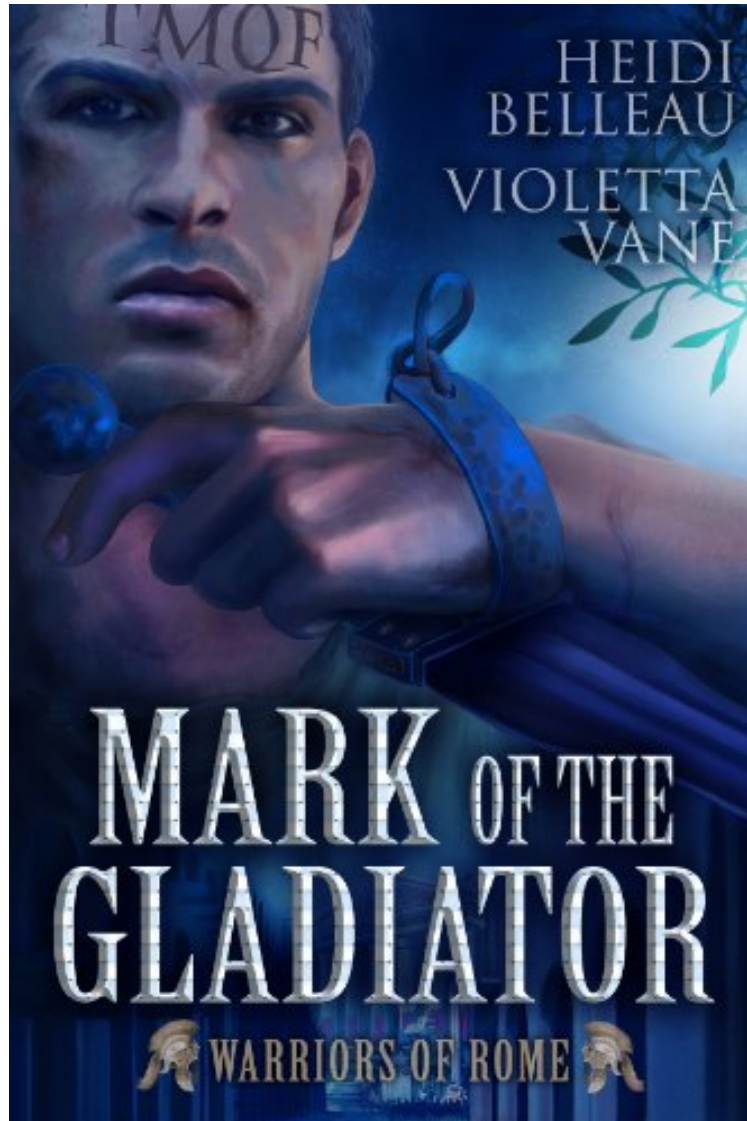


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**Von Heidi Belleau, Violetta Vane : Mark of the Gladiator (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mark of the Gladiator (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Complex but well writtenVon SunneThe book is extremely well written and the world building is outstanding. I felt like being there.The plot is....at the beginning a bit slow pacing, I assume to get acquainted with everybody and the world. Later it's so fast pacing that it gets confusing. It's not for the faint of the heart because it includes for example a cruel fight of the gladiatrixes.The characters are...diverse.Anazr, the MC, is very likable, a honorable man who tries to cope

with the life that is forced on him without losing himself totally. Each other character is not as developed as he is. It took me a long time to like his love interest. There are a lot of different characters involved, partially with complex names ...it can get a bit confusing. The love story: Now here I'm torn. I didn't get it, I didn't understand why Anazr fell for his love interest. Later, after a while, okay, after they had been together and his lover had proven himself to be worthy (yes, in this case I needed that) - okay. But concerning that Anazr's life depended on relying on his lover and Anazr's devotion....it was a bit hard to swallow for me. I think it's partially also a problem because the moment they get together, the story gets so fast paced that there isn't really time to feel them as a couple. So...it's an excellent written book. I think despite the love story didn't convince me in the beginning...the rest did.

**Kurzbeschreibung Warriors of Rome Story** After an inconvenient display of mercy in the arena, the gladiator Anazr is pulled from the sands and contracted to nobleman Lucius Marianus to train his new stable of female gladiators. His new charges are demoralized and untested, and they bear the marks of slavery and abuse. Anazr has a scant four months to prepare them for the arena, and his new master demands perfection. Anazr surprised by how eager he is to achieve it far more eager than a man motivated by only self-preservation. Perhaps it's because Marianus is truly remarkable: handsome, dignified, honorable, and seemingly as attracted to Anazr as Anazr is to him. But the rivalry between Marianus and his brother, Felix, sparks a murder conspiracy, with Anazr and his gladiatrices caught in the middle. One brother might offer salvation . . . but which? And in a world where life is worth less than the pleasures of the crowd or the whims of a master, can there be any room for love? As a gladiator, Anazr's defenses are near impenetrable. But as a man, he learns to his cost that no armor or shield can truly protect his heart. \* \* \* \* \* Word count: 71,200; page count: 279 **Pressestimmen** \*Starred \* ..". Belleau and Vane do an expert job capturing the myriad emotions and loyalties of the main character, romantic and otherwise, and manage to portray him as a generally good guy without making him cloying. The mystery is interesting up to the end, with a twist that satisfies, and a startling climax." -- Publishers Weekly **Kurzbeschreibung Warriors of Rome Story** After an inconvenient display of mercy in the arena, the gladiator Anazr is pulled from the sands and contracted to nobleman Lucius Marianus to train his new stable of female gladiators. His new charges are demoralized and untested, and they bear the marks of slavery and abuse. Anazr has a scant four months to prepare them for the arena, and his new master demands perfection. Anazr surprised by how eager he is to achieve it far more eager than a man motivated by only self-preservation. Perhaps it's because Marianus is truly remarkable: handsome, dignified, honorable, and seemingly as attracted to Anazr as Anazr is to him. But the rivalry between Marianus and his brother, Felix, sparks a murder conspiracy, with Anazr and his gladiatrices caught in the middle. One brother might offer salvation . . . but which? And in a world where life is worth less than the pleasures of the crowd or the whims of a master, can there be any room for love? As a gladiator, Anazr's defenses are near impenetrable. But as a man, he learns to his cost that no armor or shield can truly protect his heart. \* \* \* \* \* Word count: 71,200; page count: 279