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A belated appearance in paperback of Rosemary Sutcliff's atmospheric novel of the dog days of the Roman presence in Britain. Considering that the original hardback appeared in 1959 (was it really that long ago?), the style and dialogue have travelled extremely well, tribute to the tight professionalism that hallmarks all Rosemary Sutcliff's work. For those meeting the story for the first time, it can be thoroughly recommended at two levels. As a tense, exciting, sensitive adventure story for the ten to thirteen age range, and as a mine of well-researched detail and information on the chaotic period as the decaying Roman Empire retreated from Britain. Essential as background reading for project work on the Romans in Britain, no other children's author captures the flavour of the time as well.

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