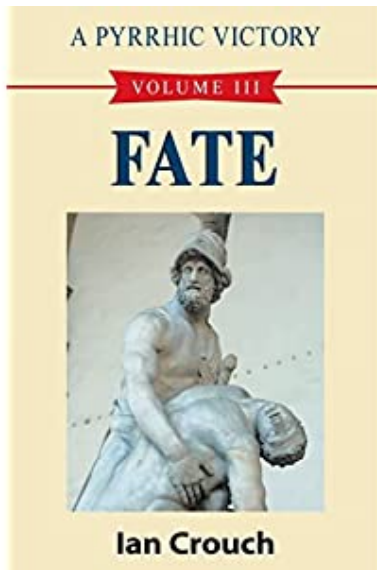




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Book Review Mini-Critique



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These are the opinions of your reviewer, and although they are not a literary professional, they are an avid reader of books just like yours.

Title: A Pyrrhic Victory
Subtitle: Volume III, Fate.
Author: Ian Crouch
Genre: Fiction - Historical - Personage



Appearance: The appearance of a book can make a significant impact on the experience of a reader, whose enjoyment is often enhanced by an enticing cover, an intriguing table of contents, interesting chapter headings, and when possible, eye-catching illustrations.

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Plot: The characters of a book should be well defined with strengths and flaws, and while they do not have to be likable, the reader does have to be able to form a connection with them. The tone should be consistent, the theme should be clear, and the plot should be original or told from a unique perspective. For informative books -- those without plot and characters--this rating refers primarily to your concept and how well you presented it.

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Review:

Reviewed by K.C. Finn for Readers' Favorite

Fate: A Pyrrhic Victory, Volume III is a work in the ancient history, drama, and military action subgenres. It is best suited to the general adult reading audience and is penned by Ian Crouch. In this third installment in the series, we follow our Greek hero Pyrrhus through a new series of trials after his victory at the battle of Asculum does not lead to the political breakdown he'd hoped for. Instead, the war against Rome continues, and some new and interesting allies from the Greek cities in Sicily come to the fore, offering Pyrrhus a new angle to mount his onslaught.

Ian Crouch offers a fantastic work that ancient history enthusiasts will surely adore from cover to cover. The standout feature of the work for me is in the level of atmosphere and detail that the historical setting holds, which makes it clear that Crouch has not only done his research but settled into a fully immersive imagining of what it must be like to live in these ancient times. The story is suitably bloody and barbaric where it needs to be, but this is balanced with intellect, strategy, and charisma in the main character, Pyrrhus, and his approach to the war on Rome is as much an art and science as a physical trial. This makes for a complex read that slow-burns its way to some very tough, action-packed moments. I recommend Fate and the series to fans of ancient historical dramas everywhere.