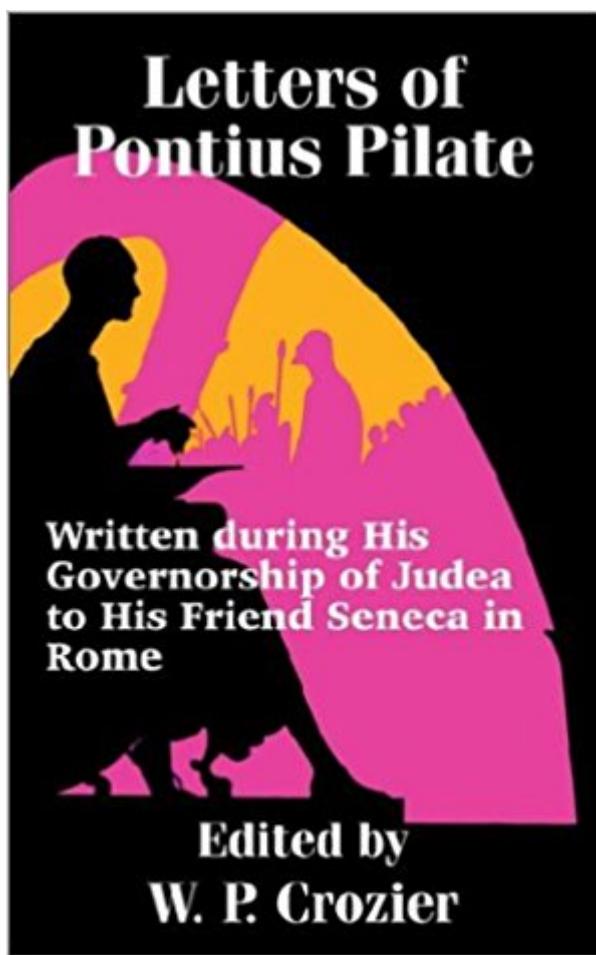


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Letters Of Pontius Pilate: Written During His Governorship Of Judea To His Friend Seneca In Rome



Synopsis

These letters represent the times of Jesus, with some of the principal events of his life from a new viewpoint - that of the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate. History has pictured Pilate as in some respects a good governor, anxious to serve his imperial master faithfully, and even in so far as possible to conciliate those who were placed in his care. In these letters Pilate describes the events of his Governorship, his impressions, his policy, his difficulties in dealing with the Jews. "It seems," writes Pilate, "that all Galilee is agog about Jesus, and everyone knows of someone who has heard of someone else who has been cured of some disease." Pilate argues that Jesus is a popular leader who is politically dangerous, a troublesome fellow that must be gotten out of the way. "And," concludes Pilate, "if he was not a dangerous rebel yesterday, he would have been tomorrow." In spite of this, Pilate has given us a fine picture of Jesus here, written with restraint and feeling, unconsciously reverent and absorbingly interesting.

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Customer Reviews

When I first saw this book I had to ask, why have I never heard of this before? It should be very famous. When I began reading it, I concluded immediately that it must be a work of fiction. A quick web search confirms that W. P. Crozier was a reporter for the *Guardian* newspaper in England. This book is identified on the *Guardian* website as his first "novel," written in 1928. This is a short story in letter form. It is an account of a self-absorbed, gossipy, impulsive and petty-minded provincial governor--intent on gaining credit for himself and possible advancement in the Roman hierarchy. To him Jesus was simply a minor problem: another of those troublesome people whom a good Roman

governor had to dispose of in order to maintain provincial peace. Who knows? That may be an accurate rendering of Pilate's character and personality. The story has some interest in depicting in personal terms the contending interests that a Roman governor had to deal with in Jesus' time: the two neighboring king Herods; the prerogatives and rivalries of the Jewish priestly class; Rome's interest in maintaining order in the province; and the financial requirements of maintaining order and building public works.

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This is just fictional speculation. I was bored by the content and would rather have not wasted the money on this book.

It is certainly well written and well thought out. Such an original idea from the author, who does indeed make it all seem real. Of course, if the letters were real they would represent the only documents to mention Jesus from the time he is supposed to have existed (and another twenty years on top of that!) and would be the most famous writings in the world. Every Church would be shouting them from the rooftops and they would have been displayed everywhere. Instead, these letters are nowhere to be found and the Church never mentions them. For those rather naive people who think it's all real, I have some really bad news about Harry Potter....

not bad as fiction. the entire book may be read online. However it is fiction that, unfortunately, seems to be regarded as a non-fiction source. An original review of the book: Review of 'Letters of Pontius Pilate', Manchester Guardian, 30 March 1928 Crozier's interests in Latin and Greek classics and the Bible inspired his writing. His first novel, 'Letters of Pontius Pilate - Written during his Governorship of Judea to His Friend Seneca in Rome', was published in 1928, and is reviewed in the Manchester Guardian by Professor Herford of Manchester University.

The Letters of Pontius Pilate gives an accurate idea of conditions during the life Of Jesus the Christ and a very good idea of the relationship between the Jewish people and the Roman rulers. The differences of opinions and beliefs among the Priests and Sadducees is very detailed and interesting.

This is a non-fiction collection of thirty-three letters written by Pontius Pilate over a four year period

to his friend, the Roman senator Lucius Seneca. Seneca would eventually become tutor to the emperor Nero. The friendship between Pilate and Seneca would last for many years, but Pilate only wrote to his friend during the first half of his administration. Many scholars believe that the disaster handling the Christ affair "would spoil him into indecency" and so it is not surprising that he found it improper or unpalatable to carry on correspondence with a man, though a friend, who had the Caesar's ear. The letters reveal much about the Pilate's personality and the challenges that he faced with the persistent difficulties that the Jewish populace presented from the rising unrest amongst their ranks. Many New Testament figures are written in these pages, such as Caiaphas, John the Baptist and Herod, but his encounter with Jesus, the emerging King of the Jews, would affect him with a regret and forlornness that would taint him for the rest of his administration and, we can assume, for the rest of his life. This book, while not attempting to expand on the history of the Roman Empire or the origins of the Christian Era, offers a very personal view of the occurrences of the region from the man who possessed an excellent ability for observation and communication. What makes Pilate unique, and which still captivates the imagination of mortals, is that he encountered the single most influential human being to have ever lived, but played a part in his death. This book allows the reader to discover how he handled the grief and perplexion that was the aftermath. This is a terrific find, and one that I will treasure for many years. I have purchased several copies for friends and family, and I still get questions about where I purchased the book. If one wishes to get a good picture of what Judea and the Roman Empire was like in the first century, then this is the book to get. Its like none other.

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