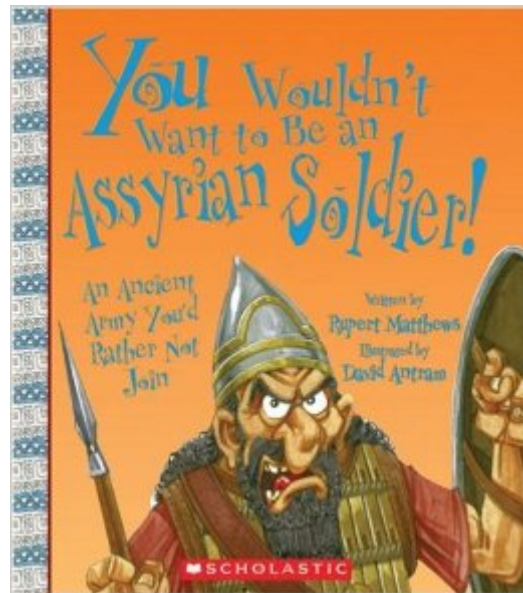


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# You Wouldn't Want To Be An Assyrian Soldier!: An Ancient Army You'd Rather Not Join



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## Customer Reviews

I like the every day info in this series but was a bit disappointed in this one. As I read it to my son, 7, I realized that the perspective was heavy on shirking and avoiding danger. I can appreciate that most people pressed in to military service just want to stay alive and get back home but bravery, hard work, loyalty, service and commitment are important values that this book sorely misses. I would never want my son to have the attitude this book seems full of - even if he were drafted. It also completely skips the brutality of the Assyrians implying that their policy was to let the defeated

get on with their lives so they could pay taxes - umm not quite true there was a lot of slaying the defeated and hauling people off into slavery.

This book is a part of the *You Wouldn't Want to Be* series of children's books, created by Salariya Book Company. Like all of the books in this series, this one has lots of brightly colored illustration and gobs of great, off-beat humor. The book presents life in the Assyrian army in all its unvarnished repugnance. It's a story of a farmer getting yanked out of his comfortable life, and into a world of hard work, discipline and danger. This is a very funny book, one that presents the Assyrian military machine, but in a fun and funny manner that makes the book a real joy to read. True, it presents a very negative picture of its subject, but that is after all the basis of the series. So, if you have an older child or young adult who wants to read a definitely not-dry book on ancient history, then steer him or her to *You Wouldn't Want to Be an Assyrian Soldier!*...they'll thank you later!

This series is so cute.

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