



Wolf Blood by N.M. Browne

Set in first Century AD Britain, Wolf Blood follows the adventures of a Celtic Warrior runaway with Supernatural skills and a Shapeshifting Roman Soldier.

Both of them need to conceal their abilities in order to not be killed. They must work together in order to survive, but that's not an easy thing to do with Roman enemies surrounding them.

Thinking of Roman Britain, look at your local place names. If any end with "chester", "caster" or "cester" it was once a Roman town. It's from the roman word Castrum which means fort. In Wales, you may find place names containing the word "Caer" which means camp, and is common across the areas the Roman Troops used in their invasions.

Before Romans, Britain didn't have Towns. The Romans built towns in order to administer the areas that they had conquered. They soon become bustling places for trade and have been growing ever since.

How many roman town names can you find today?
How would your local area have looked to the invading Romans in the first Century AD?

When the Romans invaded Britain they had great trouble overthrowing the Celtic tribes. One of the most famous of all these was the Celtic Queen Boudicca who's tribe came from modern day Norfolk. She led a massive rebellion against the Romans, succeeding in burning London, St. Albans and Colchester (which was the Roman Capital of Britain).



Statue of Boudicca and her Daughters by the River Thames, London

From the stories of Boudicca we can see that Trista's story of being a warrior woman was not that unusual as the Celts trained both boys and girls to fight, and women could rule tribes just as men could. The Romans didn't take female warriors seriously and got rid of female rule as they invaded.

Investigate some stories of Boudicca and other females Celtic warriors. What tales of bravery (or madness) can you find?