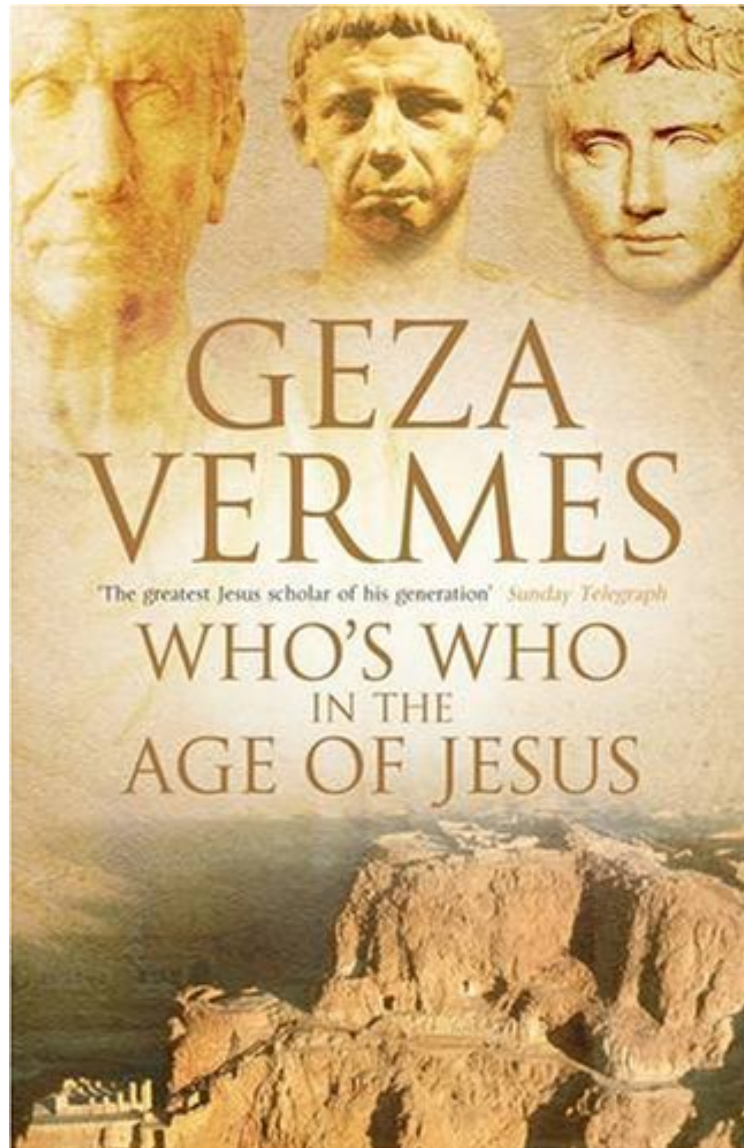


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other New Testament figures. This is exactly what it says it is -- a Who's Who, and not a narrative. The personalities of the age of Jesus are set out in alphabetical order, so that each can be looked up. As usual, Vermes confines himself to analyzing contemporary sources and avoids the temptation to fill out the blanks with speculation. Vermes was the foremost authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and spent a lifetime studying, translating and publishing them. His knowledge of the literature of the period was unrivalled. That makes this an invaluable reference aid for those interested in the period of the New Testament. Having said that, I also find it fascinating to page through the book moving from reference to reference. Highly recommended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read and resource

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About the Author Geza Vermes was born in Hungary in 1924. From 1957 to 1991 he taught in at the Universities of Newcastle and Oxford. Professor Vermes is the author of The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English (1997), The Changing Faces of Jesus (2000), The Authentic Gospel of Jesus (2003) and The Passion (2005). He lives near Oxford.

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