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***Julius Zebra: Bundle with the Britons!* by Gary Northfield**

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This is the second book in the *Julius Zebra* series. In *Rumble with the Romans!*, Julius was kidnapped and ended up as a gladiator in the Roman arena. He became very popular with the Romans, and made friends with a number of other captured animal gladiators.

In *Bundle with the Britons*, Julius is about to fight another fight, and Emperor Hadrian has promised the animals their freedom if Julius wins. Needless to say, things don't go according to plan, and the animals end up being sent to Britannia.

Gary Northfield is a comic strip artist and this madcap book contains plenty of his zany drawings - in fact they form an integral part of the story. Gary also manages to weave nuggets of historical information into the general hilarity - the children will be laughing so much that they won't notice they are learning something. Those who love *Horrible Histories* will particularly appreciate the sections at the back on Roman numerals and general Roman facts.

This book is sturdily and attractively bound and would be suitable for ages 7 years and up. It will probably appeal especially to boys who are ready to move on from first chapter books.

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