

The Pompeii Explosion

Octavia's Perspective By Fae

Hello. My name is Octavia, and I...oh, forget it. You wouldn't believe me anyway.

Just a little, eleven year old girl survives a massive, city destroying volcano eruption. I strived through Pompeii at the day it fell. Septimus, my pig headed twin brother (he is five seconds older), was also there. Sadly. My father, a tradesman, came too. And of course my mother.

We sailed to Pompeii the day before. We sold about fifty packets of grain and went for a stroll. But the next day we woke up from the inn to find that the sky was crackling and raining ash. The large volcano had a giant ash cloud above it. We knew what was happening. WE KNEW the inn's walls would not hold up to the lava yet to come.

Scared, I started to cry. But that wouldn't help.

Buildings fell. People died. I hated being a witness. It was starting to get very, very cold. The ash rained on people, freezing them in their position. It was scary to watch. I felt like I couldn't move.

But I hadn't been frozen. We hurried towards the boat, getting covered in soot and ash as we went. The further we ran, the more ash reached us. The inn caught fire suddenly. I was happy we had fled when we did.

Soon, we were very close to the harbour. We climbed onto our ship. I looked back. I shouldn't have. The sky was no longer blue. It was all a blur. All of a sudden, the ship's sail set fire. My mum just grabbed the nearest bucket and dunked it under the sea. She threw it onto the fire.

The fire cleared, but not from the city. I felt bad. Our little bucket wouldn't be able to cure the city though. We sailed as quickly as possible. The ash rained harder and harder onto the city. Before I knew it, at least forty eight people came rowing away on tiny boats. I stared. Screaming noises still came from the city. But when it stopped, I was even more scared. It had frozen buried already.

Six hours later, we had already escaped to Catania. Beside it we saw the most beautiful, big mountain I had ever seen! Mount Etna is very impressive. I wonder what the future brings...