New Historical Novel Imagines Two Brothers’ Lives in Ancient Greece

Bruce Stores announces publication of ‘Nilo & Demetrius’


“Nilo & Demetrius” features the legal system, a major festival, a symposium, the Greek theater and communing with the gods via oracles. A major backdrop near the book’s ending is the city-state’s military. It also deals with written and unwritten standards of sexuality, especially the interactions between males.

Twelve-year-old Nilo is on a quest for freedom. He wants to be rid of imposed conditions of educational systems, a loving yet domineering father and to move away from a life of failure — in school, in athletics, and in love. Once he leaves home, Nilo’s adventures are set amidst Greece’s sexual mores and his desire for finding his place in the world. His brother, Demetrius, did well in school but was physically challenged to meet the military’s requirements. His new boyfriend makes all the difference in his getting in shape. The brothers somehow manage to persevere as their lives intertwine with challenges and opportunities as well as human and absolute love during a time when sexuality has few boundaries.

“It may be valuable for us to see how another civilization was free from many taboos of today,” Stores says, “It was as natural for men to love other men as it was for them to love women.”

“Nilo & Demetrius”  
By Bruce Stores  
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