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Review

This impressive and informative biography relates the numerous battles Sulla and his arch rival Gaius Marius (a Roman general of great abilities) fought in Africa, Gaul, and Greece to defend the empire's borders. Highly recommended reading for all students of Roman history, *Sulla the Fortunate* is a marvelously presented historical record of warfare, alliances, and betrayals that brings Rome and its politics back to life. (Thomas G. Whelan *Midwest Book Review*)

Baker has written a vivid, lively account of Sulla and his times, and has given a very readable study of the dictator's character and career. (*Times Literary Supplement*)

[An] extremely entertaining and effective biography..... [The author's] interpretation of the evidence is scrupulously fair. Baker has accomplished his main business, the portrait of a salient and brilliant personality, with notable distinction (*Saturday Review*)

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Historian G. P. Baker (1879-1951) is the author of *Hannibal*, *Augustus*, and *Tiberius Caesar*.

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