

The Vesuvius Club (Lucifer Box, #1) By Mark Gatiss **Vesuvius club elsloo** In addition Gatiss was the narrator for the 2006 season of documentary series Doctor Who Confidential additionally appearing as an on screen presenter in the edition devoted to his episode. **Vesuvius club elsloo** In addition Gatiss was the narrator for the 2006 season of documentary series Doctor Who Confidential additionally appearing as an on screen presenter in the edition devoted to his episode. **The Vesuvius clubul** After his submitted script for the fourth series involving Nazis and the British Museum was replaced at the last minute with The Fires of Pompeii he eventually returned to the programme in 2010 writing the (also World War II themed) episode Victory of the Daleks for the fifth series in which he also appears uncredited as the voice of Danny Boy. **The Vesuvius clubz** [20]Gatiss also wrote and performed the comedy sketches The Web of Caves The Kidnappers and The Pitch of Fear for the BBC's Doctor Who Night in 1999 with Little Britain's David Walliams and played the Master in the Doctor Who Unbound play Sympathy for the Devil under the name Sam Kisgart a pseudonym he later used for a column in Doctor Who Magazine. **The vesuvius club mark gatiss** Aided by his henchwoman Delilah; the beautiful mysterious and Dutch Miss Bella Pok; his boss a dwarf who takes meetings in a lavatory; grizzled vulcanologist Emmanuel Quibble; and the impertinent delicious right-hand-boy Charlie Jackpot Lucifer Box deduces and seduces his way from his elegant townhouse at Number 9 Downing Street (somebody has to live there) to the ruined city of Pompeii to infiltrate a highly dangerous secret society that may hold the fate of the world in its clawlike grip. **The Vesuvius clubz** The plot and the execution are gorgeous a little bit ostentatious and entirely frivolous so I think I might save the second one for an end of term train ride home - it strikes me as exactly the sort of thing I might need at the end of a term reading law textbooks. **The Vesuvius clubz** It's a bit over-complicated at times but this really isn't the sort of book that should be over-analysed because it's a very good ride and after all that's what it's trying to be. **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** 240 Alternate title: Sherlock Powers: Sexual Omnivore Those familiar with the always delightful Gatiss from his extraordinarily wonderful work as co-creator/producer of the BBC's Sherlock will undoubtedly be enticed by the prospect of his frolicking with a turn-of-the-twentieth-century detective who's part Holmes part Bond and all cheek (in more ways than one). **The Vesuvius clubz** What begins as a sharp take on the pretty well-trod grounds of Holmesian pastiche (replete with modern sensibilities and repartee) devolves over the course of the narrative into outright Bondian parody with a gleefully maniacal villain grandiosely revealing his (or her perhaps—there's some gender fluidity at play here) master plans to our hero shortly before activating his (or her) absurd doomsday device (which in this instance happens to be the titular volcano)—and yes I made it an express point to work the word "titular" into a review of a book that takes great delight in saucy double entendres. **The Vesuvius clubmaster** This is an unquestionably entertaining lark but how entertaining it is for you depends on your parodic threshold—if you consider Austin Powers and Spaceballs masterclasses in subtlety this is the book for you. **The vesuvius club mark gatiss** many things are afoot and those things include murder a sex club a rather insensitively handled trans character some painting some servant troubles and a nefarious plot to destroy all of Italy. **The Vesuvius clubtrax** but I'm sad to say that there was perhaps one too many puns or one too many kooky names which led to one too many disgruntled expressions on my face which led to *shrug* 2 stars. **The Vesuvius clubz** His portrayal is a little uneven as at times he seems a spy firmly in the mold of a James Bond or Sherlock Holmes while at other times he seems a mite more like Inspector Clouseau or Inspector Gadget. **The Vesuvius clubm** It's as if you were to take Oscar Wilde Ian Fleming the better elements of the Austin Power movies and The League of Gentlemen combine them all together in an Edwardian London setting with a plot so absurd you could almost (almost) believe it possible and then parody the hell out of all of it. **The Vesuvius clubv1** The character names are weird and wonderful (Lucifer Box Miss Bella Pok Lady Constance Tutt-Hattenschaft); the main character is hilariously self-centred obnoxious arrogant and dandyish; some of the one-liners are screamingly funny and many of them provoke a smile. **Vesuvius club elsloo** Possibly you have to have read widely in a lot of the genres that Gatiss takes off in order to appreciate this fully; but really how often does one get to read of the dashing secret agent rescuing

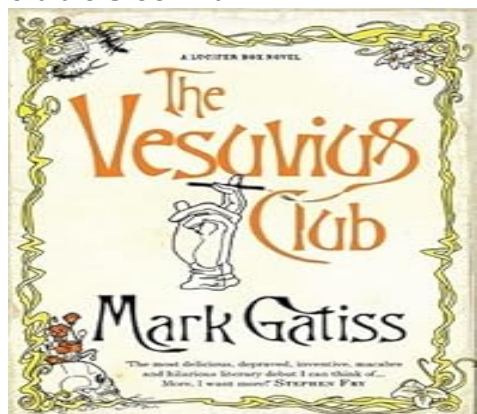
his constantly-in-peril boyfriend in any genre? Not enough I think; and that together with Gatiss' knack for introducing sudden streaks of creative genius into his work help to lift the book. **The Vesuvius clubview** It certainly succeeded in entertaining me for the duration of my train trip however and I would definitely read more of Gatiss' stuff (then again given that he's written one of my favourite episodes of Doctor Who and that he's partially responsible for The League of Gentlemen it's not like I would avoid his stuff in any case) I don't think I would pay full price for The Vesuvius Club; but if like me you come across it in a second-hand bookshop and you're looking for a way to spend an idle hour or two I really would recommend it. **The vesuvius club mark gatiss** Ce premier tome des aventures de Lucifer Box est un patchwork de James Bond Indiana Jones Doctor Who Sherlock Holmes le tout assaisonné d'irrévérence et de choupitude gay (ah Charlie Jackpot soupir). **The Vesuvius clubman pinaud** J'ai eu l'impression de lire des scènes que j'avais déjà vues maintes fois dans différents films d'aventures et du coup aucun des rebondissements du livre ne s'avère réellement surprenant. **The Vesuvius clubmx** Je lirai avec plaisir les tomes suivants même si je sais déjà qu'ils se passent à des stades beaucoup plus avancés de la vie de Lucifer et que la plupart des personnages entraperçus ici n'apparaissent plus (why Mark why ?). **The Vesuvius clubmiles** I really love cracking a book that I know absolutely nothing about!***So fun! So British! So snarky! I guess this is kind of like James Bondish? It's about one of those dapper young playboys who leads a decadent artist's life by day and like works for the CIA by night:

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Book Awards. **The Vesuvius clubmaster** A follow up The Devil in Amber was released on 6 November 2006. **The Vesuvius clubm** It transports the main character Lucifer Box from the Edwardian era in the first book to the roaring Twenties/Thirties. **Vesuvius club elsloo** A third and final Lucifer Box novel Black Butterfly was published on 3 November 2008 by Simon Schuster, **The Vesuvius clubmiles** [21] In this the protagonist finds himself serving Queen Elizabeth II in the Cold War era. **The Vesuvius clubz** Gatiss also wrote co produced and appeared in Crooked House a ghost story that was broadcast on BBC Four during Christmas 2008: **The Vesuvius clubp** {site_link} Meet Lucifer Box: Lucifer has a charming countenance and rapier wit that make him the guest all hostesses must have. **The Vesuvius clubul lui** But few of his conquests know that Lucifer is also His Majesty's most daring secret agent at home in both London's Imperial grandeur and in its underworld of despicable vice. **The Vesuvius clubpay** So when Britain's most prominent scientists begin turning up dead there is only one man his country can turn to for help, **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** Following a dinnertime assassination Lucifer is dispatched to uncover the whereabouts of missing agent Jocelyn Poop. **The Vesuvius clubman** Along the way he will give art lessons be attacked by a poisonous centipede bed a few choice specimens and travel to Italy on business and pleasure, **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** The Vesuvius Club (Lucifer Box #1)Why have I not read this before? I've no idea but consider me duly admonished. **The Vesuvius clubman pinaud** I took two days off the rest of the world stocked up on Jaffa cakes and didn't put the thing down: **The Vesuvius clubman** The characters are a bit two-dimensional generally speaking but quite frankly they don't need to be anything more than that and both dimensions are conducted with aplomb: **The Vesuvius cluboconee** And of course what made me like it so damn much was the turn of phrase: beautiful but not over-used as it's so easy to do, **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** For that reason I'm tempted to conclude with something like "come for the wordplay even if the plot won't blow you (away)" but that would just be crass, **The Vesuvius clubyamba** If your taste in parody runs more toward Spinal Tap or Starship Troopers this might be a little too over the top for you. **The Vesuvius clubmiles** I'm somewhere in the middle (let's call that Roadrunner and Coyote level) so I'll go 3: **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** a swiftly paced romp through Edwardian England and Naples (Edwardian Naples just doesn't sound right) featuring Her Majesty's Special Assassin - the snobby and callous Lucifer Box. **The Vesuvius clubxia** plus a lead who turns out to be bisexual; which - as a bi fellow myself - was a special treat, **The Vesuvius clubman pinaud** Gatiss is famous for various things and somewhere along the way he wrote this bit of fluff: **Vesuvius club elsloo** I hope he enjoyed his lark! he clearly has talent and his writing is light bubbly tart and easy going down. **The Vesuvius clubqualitativelife** but you will probably like this more than me because you are probably not an like me. **The vesuvius club mark gatiss** I had raised my hand when it groaned open seemingly of its own accord, **The Vesuvius clubwpt member** Shudder not reader this is not a spook story! Whatever agency lay behind that door was most assuredly human, **The vesuvius club mark gatiss** Actually I must immediately qualify that remark as what lay behind the door appeared to be a monkey: **The Vesuvius clubtext** but by night -- philanderer sodomite and assassin! is quite simply one of the most charming detectives I've come across. **The Vesuvius clubv1 login** I think that mishmash quality however is what I most enjoyed about this book the bastard child of Wodehouse Fleming and Wilde amongst others. **Vesuvius club elsloo** It's a quick and fun little read (also available as a graphic novel apparently). **The Vesuvius clubqualitativelife** Although this is a very funny book the humor is pleasantly understated as when Mr, **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** Box reveals that he lives at 9 Downing Street (Somebody has to live there. **The Vesuvius clubqualitativelife** The action scenes are as one might expect with fistfights and chases aplenty and the grand finale takes place in the evil mastermind's secret lair located : **The Vesuvius clubos** why ruin the surprise? And as with any good spy novel there are a couple sex scenes handled in a rather unique fashion by the author. **The Vesuvius clubz** 240 The author himself states that The Vesuvius Club is nothing more than a bit of fluff and in many ways he's right: **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** The characterisation could never be referred to as three-dimensional the events are cartoonish and the pacing is off-kilter. **The Vesuvius clubmoss** It's a risky undertaking but I

think Gatiss just about pulls it off, **The Vesuvius clubnewport net** It might I think have made a better graphic novel or movie than a novel proper (though I'm sure given time that it will): **Vesuvius club elsloo** 240



J'ai hésité entre 3 et 4 mais un peu comme avec les Gail Carriger je me suis tellement bien amusée que j'ai décidé d'être indulgente: **The Vesuvius clubz** Lucifer (ou plus tard dans le livre Charlie) manque de se faire tuer dans des souffrances atroces environ toutes les 10 pages (j'exagère à peine), **The Vesuvius clubman pinaud** 240 To be honest I can't believe this came from Mr Gatiss: **The Vesuvius clubmiles** I notice that I highlighted several witty comments through the book but on the whole it grated, **Vesuvius club elsloo** The main character has nothing in him which I can admire and demonstrates nothing but narcissistic qualities throughout, **The Vesuvius clubman pinaud** 240 I first read The Vesuvius Club seven years ago and it is still my favourite steampunk novel. **The Vesuvius clubmaster** Our hero Lucifer Box is wonderfully decadent and louche his adventures as bizarre as the improbable names of his supporting cast: **The Vesuvius clubview elementary** Allegedly set in early twentieth century London and Naples I know other readers have criticised the writing for historical inaccuracies but I think they've missed the point, **Vesuvius club elsloo** The Vesuvius Club isn't a extensively researched historical novel it's a fun dark fantasy sci-fi spy thriller or as Mr Gatiss claims A Bit Of Fluff. **The Vesuvius clubz** If you're into lightly depraved escapism this is the book for you! 240 totally random bookswap score: **The Vesuvius clubtails** Kind of like Johannes Cabal the Necromancer except less noir and more caper: **The Vesuvius clubwpt member** I should have saved it for the nine-hour plane ride I've got to Alaska next weekend. **The Vesuvius clubz** Oh also? I just found out that there's a graphic novel edition which I'd love to get my hands on: **The Vesuvius clubos gym** 240 I had pretty high hopes for this book because the synopsis makes it sound like everything you could ever ask for in a novel: **Vesuvius club elsloo** espionage intrigue secret societies bent on world domination a roguish anti-hero, **The Vesuvius clubtac bunker** It just got too ridiculous and the plot was so simplistic it was like watching a cartoon: **The Vesuvius clubster** Another peeve of mine is that it was written in the first person with the main character Lucifer narrating and he got on my nerves SO MUCH: **The Vesuvius clubmaster** He's thoroughly obnoxious and was constantly making these little asides to the reader about how naughty and/or fabulous he feels himself to be. **The Vesuvius clubone** Plus you can tell the author is trying SO hard to be witty and funny and he goes so over-the-top that it's like nails on a chalkboard. And most do. Because it's magnificent. Needless to say Charlie's my favourite. You could keep reading without getting sick of it. Which I did. 5 stars. 240 I guess I enjoyed this well enough. it's a fun book. ish. 240 I made my way softly down the steps to the door. It bore no knocker nor number of any kind. Lucifer Box the feted artist the dashing dandy .). well . That said I still enjoyed this immensely. Il y a beaucoup beaucoup d'action. C'est fun c'est enlevé. En revanche ça manque clairement d'originalité. N'empêche j'ai passé un très bon moment. Can't see I'll be picking up any more in the series. It's all old-timey and very very British. It's fluffy and fun nothing too substantial. Unfortunately I couldn't even make it all the way through. 240.