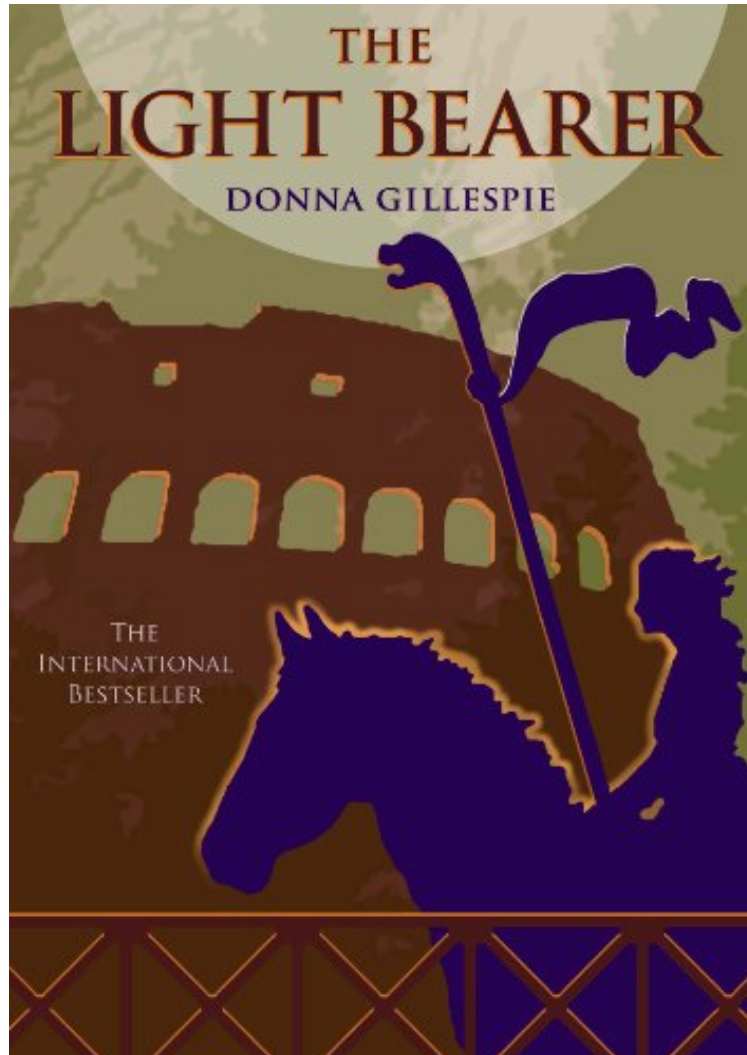


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Strongly-drawn characters, a setting both familiar and exotic (we all know something of imperial Rome, but very few of us are well-informed about it), a whiff of New-Age ancient mysticism, and a subdued but important romance subplot drive the sweeping novel of Auriane's growth and maturity and Rome's decadence. *Kurzbeschreibung* *The Light Bearer* by Donna Gillespie *The International Bestseller* A novel of Ancient Rome Revised Edition Includes a note on the revised edition and an afterword by the author Throughout this monumental story, Gillespie constantly increases the excitement and intrigue. 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