

## THE EAGLE AMONG THE GIANTS

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120-113 BC – Northern and Central Europe, from Denmark to Austria.

The Cimbri, natives of today's Jutland, begin a desperate march to get away from torrential rain and flooding: men, women, children and animals left heading south, looking for a more hospitable land. Andag, chief and warlock of a powerful tribe that lives a few miles away from the shore, decides to resist and face the catastrophe. His story intertwines with that of Publio Valerio Corvino, a cavalry officer involved in the campaign beyond the Alps against the Allobroges who decides to defect to escape a murder charge. The Roman, with a set of circumstances, ends up in Northern Europe at the mouth of Elbe, where he is taken prisoner by Andag and the Cimbri.

Much of the narrative tension is centred on the hopes and the courage of Andag's tribe, and on the desperate chase of the rest of the Cimbri horde. During the epic march through the heart of Europe, Pupil and Hiwa get caught in a bad romance. Hiwa is Andag's eldest daughter, who is destined to become a terrible priestess. Within the tribe several events take place: love entanglements, latent grudges, acts of courage.

The story comes to an end when the Cimbri meet the Roman legion. The characters' storylines also come to an end during the epic final battle, which the historians refer to as the battle of Noreia. Boiorix wants to be the king of all the Cimbri and kills the almighty warlord Leugast. Pupil senses that the Romans are about to ambush them, so he sacrifices himself to save his new people. The Cimbri won, but there's no sign of Pupil's body.

The narration of the march of the Cimbri is epic and will excite all those who love historical novels and adventure stories.

The epic march of the Cimbri is based on solid historiographical foundations.