

# Sexuality in Pompeii

AD79: *Destruction and Re-discovery*. <https://sites.google.com/site/ad79eruption/home>

This website is very good for getting an introduction to the excavations at Pompeii and browsing the various buildings and areas. It has a lot of photos and the *Writing on the Wall* section lists a lot of Pompeian graffiti.

Williams, Craig A. (2010). *Roman Homosexuality*.

This book provides a good intro to Roman sexuality and also has an appendix specifically focusing on Pompeian graffiti.

Prina, Federico (2018). '*Quisquis Amat Valeat*': *Homo- and Bisexuality in Pompeii's Graffiti*, Master's Thesis.

[https://www.academia.edu/38096665/Quisquis\\_amat\\_valeat\\_Homo\\_and\\_Bisexuality\\_in\\_Pompeii's\\_Graffiti\\_pdf](https://www.academia.edu/38096665/Quisquis_amat_valeat_Homo_and_Bisexuality_in_Pompeii's_Graffiti_pdf)

This thesis was the source of my information on the female-female love poetry we spoke about.

Livius (2017), '*The Two Maidens of Pompeii are men*', The History Blog.

<http://www.thehistoryblog.com/archives/46830>

This blog provides some background on the "two maidens" of Pompeii, including quoting from and linking to the original excavation report of their discovery by Vittorio Spinazzola.

Mckenna, Josephine (2017). *Embracing figures at Pompeii 'could have been gay lovers', after scan reveals they are both men*, The Telegraph.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/07/embracing-figures-pompeii-could-have-gay-lovers-scan-reveals/>

This is the article which broke the 2017 story of the scans analysing the "two maidens" skeletons and DNA. Note it is behind a paywall.

MacDonald, Cheyenne (2017). *Were the 'two maidens' of Pompeii really gay lovers? Tests reveal iconic preserved figures found wrapped in a poignant embrace after deadly volcano are both MEN*, The Daily Mail.

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4391498/The-two-embracing-maidens-Pompeii-MEN.html>

Another article showing the general reception of the story.

Ball, Siobhan (2017). *Pompeii, the 'Two Maidens,' and Thousands of Years of Precarious Masculinity*, Autostraddle.

<https://www.autostraddle.com/pompeii-the-two-maidens-and-thousands-of-years-of-precarious-masculinity-376000/>

This article provides a more nuanced discussion of how we talk about the gender and sexuality of the 'two maidens'.