



## The Wooden Walls of Thermopylae

By Nick Brown

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*When violence threatens Greece from abroad and from within - only a handful of Athenians can save it from newborn democracy in Nick Brown's eagerly anticipated new novel.*

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Athens has achieved democracy, but the high ideals of government continue to come under threat on all sides. Young Mandrocles, the Luck Bringer, and his friends are trying to forge lives and love affairs in an Athens consumed by political infighting. The city fears the vengeance of Persia's Great King, who has been left seething over the Greeks' remarkable victory at Marathon. Will Athens follow the lead of the democratic leader Themistocles to defy Persia, or

capitulate and let democracy die before it has its chance in the sun? As Persia gathers the greatest army the world has ever seen, Themistocles recruits Mandrocles, Miltiades's noble daughter Elpinice, the dramatist Aeschylus, and the flute girl Lyra as pawns in the perilous game for Greece's ultimate survival.

A story of the heroism, love, and sacrifice of Greek men and women during a period of epic struggle, **The Wooden Walls of Thermopylae** continues Nick Brown's audacious **The Luck Bringer series**, and charts the true story of the bloody road to Thermopylae, where a Spartan army and an Athenian fleet would determine the history of the democratic world. Political skulduggery, military ingenuity and even the increasingly significant roles of women are all discovered anew under historian and archeologist Brown's searching pen, as he expertly blends his cast of original characters with some of the greatest figures of Ancient Greece.

**The Wooden Walls of Thermopylae** is a staggeringly detailed and evocative narrative, wrought with passion, the struggle for democracy, and the responsibility of championing and protecting new ideals. Combining his expert knowledge of Ancient Greece with an engaging hero and an elegant writing style, Nick Brown has crafted another authentic historical page-turner.

**About the author:** Nick Brown has an extensive background teaching and writing in the fields of archaeology and ancient history; he taught and studied at both Manchester and Leeds Universities, worked with the Greater Manchester Archaeological Unit on the reconstruction of a Romano-British Villa, and has contributed many articles to academic journals and magazines on archaeology. He was awarded an OBE for his two decades as Head of Oldham Sixth Form College. He lives with his wife and three sons in Cheshire. **The Wooden Walls of Thermopylae** by Nick Brown (published by Clink Street, RRP £8.99 paperback, RRP £2.99 ebook) is available online now at retailers including [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk) and can be ordered from all good bookstores. For more information, please visit [www.NickBrownBooks.com](http://www.NickBrownBooks.com).

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