

Lucretius' Appearance - Research into What He Looked Like

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For the time being I'll start this thread with this. I know we can find information about the Lucretius ring in the introduction to one of Munro's editions to his Lucretius. And I clipped that photo of the ring somewhere, so that exists on the internet too, but I don't know where the original is located. The sketches in the second picture are, on the left, from the sketchbook of Herculaneum discoveries (need link) and the one on the right is from the Munro book.

know this is the only reliably-sourced possible image of Lucretius. All the others are just artist speculations



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If someone were trying to sketch an artist recreation of Lucretius, I would suggest considering also the sketch that was made (apparently from this coin/ring) that was used on Munro's edition of Lucretius, and I would also consider this sketch of a figure found in Herculaneum in that old sketchbook from which we have sketches of many of the busts. This figure on the left would presumably be too young, but there is some resemblance. I don't know what the original from which that sketch on the left was made looks like.



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