

Ada Palmer's "Reading Lucretius in the Renaissance"

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I suspect that some of you have read Stephen Greenblatt's book, "The Swerve: How the World Became Modern." I read it years ago, although it failed to get me interested in Epicureanism. (It was reading the "Letter to Menoecus" that did the trick).

Ada Palmer, a University of Chicago historian and also a science fiction novelist, has a book that covers some of the same territory,

["Reading Lucretius in the Renaissance."](#)

I am attending a science fiction convention in Pittsburgh, ConFluence, the weekend of July 22-23, and Ada Palmer is the main guest of honor, so I plan to read her Lucretius book before I go to the convention.

Somewhat off topic, but I am a big fan of Palmer's "Terra Ignota" novel series. Tyler Cowen plans to interview Palmer soon for his podcast.