

October 15 Birthday of Lucretius and Virgil?

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Alright, upon review I see that the Loeb edition mentions the possibility that Lucretius *died* on October 15th, on Virgil's 17th birthday (the very day he assumed the *toga virilis*). The editor cites "4th century grammarian Donatus, probably following Seutonius", while remaining himself skeptical of the connection. There's no mention of the birth date.

There's certainly no harm in picking a date to honor him, and we don't have any other candidates! The rediscovery of the manuscript by Poggio was in January of 1417, but no day is known.