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James Wynn — 12 Nov 2009, 17:21

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brunians at brunians.org — 12 Nov 2009, 21:12 · in reply to James Wynn

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John Smith — 12 Nov 2009, 22:09 · in reply to James Wynn

Herodotus's Histories is a wonderful book, and readers of Wolfe's "Soldier" books should enjoy this source.

The accuracy of the Histories has often been questioned, but many strange tales have been confirmed.

Best wishes,

Jack

--- On Thu, 11/12/09, James Wynn <crushtv at gmail.com> wrote:

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