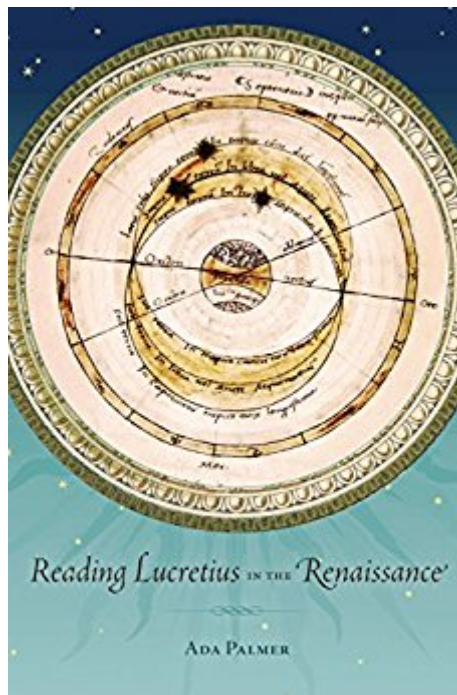


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I am taking the reading of this one slowly, because it's jam-packed with terrific science history stuff. Dr. Palmer's writing is exact, wide-reaching and insightful as well as entertaining. I look forward to future books from her about science and the history of thought. Her series on her blog about Machiavelli is stunningly good, too. I secretly hope she'll write a book about him someday, if she does it as well as she's written this one.

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