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*A "splendid" (The Wall Street Journal)  
account of one of history's most  
important and yet little-known wars,  
the campaign culminating in the Battle  
of Actium in 31 BC, whose outcome  
determined the future of the Roman  
Empire. Following Caesar's  
assassination and Mark Antony's defeat  
of the conspirators who killed Caesar,  
two powerful men remained in  
Rome—Antony and Caesar's chosen heir,  
young Octavian, the future Augustus.  
When Antony fell in love with the most  
powerful woman in the world, Egypt's  
ruler Cleopatra, and thwarted  
Octavian's ambition to rule the empire,  
another civil war broke out. In 31 BC  
one of the largest naval battles in the*

ancient world took place—more than 600 ships, almost 200,000 men, and one woman—the Battle of Actium. Octavian prevailed over Antony and Cleopatra, who subsequently killed themselves. The Battle of Actium had great consequences for the empire. Had Antony and Cleopatra won, the empire's capital might have moved from Rome to Alexandria, Cleopatra's capital, and Latin might have become the empire's second language after Greek, which was spoken throughout the eastern Mediterranean, including Egypt. In this "superbly recounted" (The National Review) history, Barry Strauss, ancient history authority, describes this consequential battle with the drama and expertise that it deserves. The War That Made the Roman Empire is essential history that features three of the greatest figures of the ancient world. Our understanding of Greek and Roman civilization is in considerable measure a product of the intelligence and literary skills of its historians. Writing at different times and from different vantage points, the surviving historians illustrate the influences to

which the genre was subjected in the course of its development. After Herodotus had established history as an independent form of literature, Thucydides defined its purpose and set a high standard of scientific and literary skill. Xenophon introduced new and abiding characteristics and Polybius repudiated the influences of rhetoric and drama and introduced Hellenistic qualities and an new focus - Rome. Sallust, Caesar, Tacitus and Livy among others, commented on the affairs of the Roman Republic and Empire. This book provides a survey of the historians of the ancient Greek and Roman world, exporing their surviving work, style and influences.

Grant offers a study of the primary historians of Greece and Rome, discussing the works and methods of the founders of the historical discipline. These philosophers studied history as a moral discipline that bears meaningfully not only on the past but on future human conduct.

*The War That Made the Roman Empire*  
*Primary Sources and Reference Volume*  
*The Politics of Immorality in Ancient*

**Rome**

**Including "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire**

**Roman History**

**The Ancient Historians**

*It is today widely accepted that we do not get the whole truth from any historian. Greek and Roman Historians considers the work of ancient historians such as Herotudus, Tacitus and Thucydides in the the light of this attitude. In an enlightening new study, Michael Grant argues that misinformation, even deliberate disinformation, is abundant in their writings. Grant, one of the world's greatest writers of ancient history, suggests new ways of reading and interpreting the ancient historians which maximise their usefulness as source material. He demonstrates how the evidence they provide can be augmented by the use of other, literary and non-literary, sources. Greek and Roman Historians shows us how we can use written history to learn about the ancient world, even if our conclusions are not those its historians intended. The author argues that their work remains our most important source of information, once we have learned to question and incorporate their imperfect regard for the truth. Grant's account is an indispensible guide to the sources and their interpretation for all students of ancient history. From reviews of the first edition: "The Historians of Ancient Rome will certainly and deservedly satisfy many, more, in fact, than any of its competitors." -- Bryn Mawr Classical Review Covering more than a thousand years of Roman history, The Historians of Ancient Rome is the most comprehensive single volume of ancient sources available in English for the study of Rome. Ronald Mellor has selected extensive passages as well as complete texts by ten Greek and Roman historians, from Livy's account of the city's foundation by Romulus to the great defeat at Adrianople of Ammianus Marcellinus. Major longer works are judiciously abridged or excerpted; Sallust's "The Catilinarian Conspiracy," Suetonius's Life*

of Julius Caesar, and Augustus's "Res Gestae" are presented in their entirety. This second edition has been expanded to include greater coverage of the late Republic and Roman Empire.

"This title is a definitive and comprehensive edition of the fragmentary texts of all the Roman historians whose works are lost. Historical writing was an important part of the literary culture of ancient Rome, and its best-known exponents, including Sallust, Livy, Tacitus, and Suetonius, provide much of our knowledge of Roman history. However, these authors constitute only a small minority of the Romans who wrote historical works from around 200 BC to AD 250. In this period we know of more than 100 writers of history, biography, and memoirs whose works no longer survive for us to read. They include well-known figures such as Cato the Elder, Sulla, Cicero, and the emperors Augustus, Tiberius, Claudius, Hadrian, and Septimius Severus"--Page 4 of cover.

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*A Chronological Compendium of 667 Battles to 31 BC From the Historians of the Ancient World*

*The Historians of Greece and Rome*

*The World in Ancient Times*

*Battles of The Greek and Roman Worlds*

*Politics and Morality in the Roman Historians*

*Roman Historiography*

**The notion and understanding of law penetrated society in Ancient Rome to a degree unparalleled in modern times. The poet Juvenal, for instance, described the virtuous man as a good soldier, faithful guardian, incorruptible judge and honest witness. This book is concerned with four central questions: Who made the law? Where did a Roman go to discover what the law was? How has the law survived to be known to us today? And what procedures were there for putting the law into effect? In**

The Sources of Roman Law, the origins of law and their relative weight are described in the light of developing Roman history. This is a topic that appeals to a wide range of readers: the law student will find illumination for the study of the substantive law; the student of history will be guided into an appreciation of what Roman law means as well as its value for the understanding and interpretation of Roman history. Both will find invaluable the description of how the sources have survived to inform our legal system and pose their problems for us.

The Romans' devotion to their past pervades almost every aspect of their culture. But the clearest image of how the Romans wished to interpret their past is found in their historical writings. This book examines in detail the major Roman historians: \* Sallust \* Livy \* Tacitus \* Ammianus as well as the biographies written by: \* Nepos \* Tacitus \* Suetonius \* the Augustan History \* the autobiographies of Julius Caesar and the Emperor Augustus. Ronald Mellor demonstrates that Roman historical writing was regarded by its authors as a literary not a scholarly exercise, and how it must be evaluated in that context. He shows

that history writing reflected the political structures of ancient Rome under the different regimes.

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incessant demands for increased pay.

## COLLAPSE

Presents a history of the ancient Roman civilization, with a focus on the values that propelled its rise and fall.

## Problems and Methods for Ancient Historians

From Romulus to Justinian

An Introduction to its Basic Aspects and Development

Scholarship, Philosophy, and Politics in the Age of Cicero and Caesar

Rome

Reading History in the Roman Empire

An intellectual history of the late Roman Republic—and the senators who fought both scholarly debates and a civil war In *The Roman Republic of Letters*, Katharina Volk explores a fascinating chapter of intellectual history, focusing on the literary senators of the mid-first century BCE who came to blows over the future of Rome even as they debated philosophy, history, political theory, linguistics, science, and religion. It was a period of intense cultural flourishing and extreme political unrest—and the agents of each were very often the same people.

Members of the senatorial class, including Cicero, Caesar, Brutus, Cassius, Cato, Varro, and Nigidius Figulus, contributed greatly to

the development of Roman scholarship and engaged in a lively and often polemical exchange with one another. These men were also crucially involved in the tumultuous events that brought about the collapse of the Republic, and they ended up on opposite sides in the civil war between Caesar and Pompey in the early 40s. Volk treats the intellectual and political activities of these “senator scholars” as two sides of the same coin, exploring how scholarship and statesmanship mutually informed one another—and how the acquisition, organization, and diffusion of knowledge was bound up with the question of what it meant to be a Roman in a time of crisis. By revealing how first-century Rome’s remarkable “republic of letters” was connected to the fight over the actual *res publica*, Volk’s riveting account captures the complexity of this pivotal period.

Welcome to the Realm of the Roman Empire!  
\*\*\*\*\*SECOND EDITION\*\*\*\*\* Free bonus inside! (Right After Conclusion) - Get limited time offer, Get your BONUS right NOW! Are you curious about the world around you? Would you like to know about the origins of western civilization? Are you interested in knowing about the ancient world and what

impact it has on your life? Would You Like To Know What It Takes To Earn The Name Augustus? If your answer to any one of these questions is a resounding yes, then Ancient Rome is the book for you. The Ancient Romans have always fascinated modern historians. From the time of the "rediscovery" of the Roman Civilization between the 14th and 17th centuries, historians have been in awe of the complexity of their society, their origins, and their decline. All of these have been subject to debate in the past, but now you have a chance to get some clarity on the issue, and maybe understand the world we live in a little better. The Roman Civilization heavily influenced western culture, and in this book, you shall find out the extent to which the Romans affected modern culture. You shall explore the different systems of Government that were put in place, go behind the scenes and find out a little bit more about the practices of the Roman senate and how it came to be one of the most central parts of the Civilization. Ancient Rome takes a look at the different origin stories that there are about ancient Rome, and contrasts them with archaeological evidence that has been found on the same subject. It also looks at the challenges that the city faced as it began, and

the different ways in which its founders populated it. Ancient Rome tries to explore the little known facts about the first Kings of Rome, where they were from, how long their reign lasted, their achievements and failures and most of all, the advances each king made as he took over the throne of Rome. The book also examines the rise and fall of the Roman Republic, and the political changes that took place in the years that followed the fall of the last Roman King such as the different posts that were created to fill the void left by the king and the impact they had on the senate. Ancient Rome also looks at some of the conflicts that took place within the senate, the different disagreements between the Plebeians and the Patricians. This book examines the various ways that the senate found solutions to their problems, some of them more amicable than others. This book will take you through a quick walk-through of the different dynasties that existed during in Empire, the various Emperors that ruled during that time, and the impact they had on the economy and culture. You shall discover how each Emperor came to the throne and how each helped to expand the Roman Empire. You will also find out which Emperors did nothing at all and which

Emperor is to blame for the decline of republican values. Download Ancient Rome today, and open your mind to the different cultures and civilizations of the world.

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Collecting the most incisive and influential writings of one of Rome's finest orators, Cicero's Selected Works is translated with an introduction by Michael Grant in Penguin Classics. Lawyer, philosopher, statesman and defender of Rome's Republic, Cicero was a master of eloquence, and his pure literary and oratorical style and strict sense of morality have been a powerful influence on European literature and thought for over two thousand years in matters of politics, philosophy, and faith. This selection demonstrates the diversity of his writings, and includes letters to friends and statesmen on Roman life and politics; the vitriolic Second Philippic Against Antony; and his two most famous philosophical treatises, On Duties and On Old Age - a celebration of his own declining years. Written at a time of brutal political and social change, Cicero's lucid ethical writings formed the foundation of the Western liberal tradition in political and moral thought that continues to this day.

For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

The decadence and depravity of the ancient Romans are a commonplace of serious history, popular novels and spectacular films. This book is concerned not with the question of how immoral the ancient Romans were but why the literature they produced is so preoccupied with immorality. The modern image of immoral Rome derives from ancient accounts which are largely critical rather than celebratory. Upper-class Romans habitually accused one another of the most lurid sexual and sumptuary improprieties. Historians and moralists lamented the vices of their contemporaries and mourned for the virtues of a vanished age. Far from being empty commonplaces these assertions constituted a powerful discourse through

which Romans negotiated conflicts and tensions in their social and political order.

This study proceeds by a detailed examination of a wide range of ancient texts (all of which are translated) exploring the dynamics of their rhetoric, as well as the ends to which they were deployed. Roman moralising discourse, the author suggests, may be seen as especially concerned with the articulation of anxieties about gender, social status and political power. Individual chapters focus on adultery, effeminacy, the immorality of the Roman theatre, luxurious buildings and the dangers of pleasure. This book should appeal to students and scholars of classical literature and ancient history. It will also attract anthropologists and social and cultural historians.

The Sources of Roman Law

Usages of the Past in Roman Historiography

EDWARD GIBBON: Historical Works,

Memoirs & Letters (Including "The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire")

Augustus and the Creation of the Roman Empire

Greek and Roman Historians

The Assassination of Julius Caesar

During his long reign of near-absolute power, Caesar Augustus established the Pax Romana,

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which gave Rome two hundred years of peace and social stability, and established an empire that would endure for five centuries and transform the history of Europe and the Mediterranean. Ronald Mellor offers a collection of primary sources featuring multiple viewpoints of the rise, achievements, and legacy of Augustus and his empire. His cogent introduction to the history of the Age of Augustus encourages students to examine such subjects as the military in war and peacetime, the social and cultural context of political change, the reform of administration, and the personality of the emperor himself. Document headnotes, a list of contemporary literary sources, a glossary of Greek and Latin terms, a chronology, questions for consideration, and a selected bibliography offer additional pedagogical support.

Roman Historiography: An Introduction to its Basic Aspects and Development presents a comprehensive introduction to the development of Roman historical writings in both Greek and Latin, from the early annalists to Orosius and Procopius of Byzantium. Provides an accessible survey of every historical writer of significance in the Roman world Traces the growth of Christian historiography under the influence of its pagan adversaries Offers valuable insight into current scholarly trends on Roman historiography Includes a user-friendly bibliography, catalog of authors and editions, and index

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Selected by Choice as a 2013 Outstanding Academic Title

Tacitus' Annals is the central historical source for first-century C.E. Rome, but it has also become a central text in the western literary, political, and even philosophical traditions - from the Renaissance to the French and American revolutions, and beyond. This volume attempts to enhance the general reader's understanding of why Tacitus' book is so remarkable that it has had such a profound effect across the centuries.

The 45-year reign of Caesar Augustus (31 BCE to 14 CE) marked the creation of the Roman Empire, which would survive in the West for another five centuries. Unlike the rulers who came before him—Pompey, Julius Caesar, and Marc Antony—Augustus maintained nearly absolute power as he established the ideology and institutions of the Pax Romana, which gave the citizens of Rome two centuries of peace and social stability. This collection of primary sources offers multiple viewpoints of the rise, achievements, and legacy of Augustus and his empire. Ronald Mellor's fluid introduction parallels the organization of the documents that follow to provide students with the historical context necessary for exploring these translations of ancient texts. Document headnotes, a list of literary sources for the Age of Augustus, a glossary of Greek and Latin terms, a chronology, questions for consideration, and a selected bibliography offer additional

pedagogical support and encourage students to analyze the reign that transformed the history of Europe and the Mediterranean basin.

The Credibility of Early Roman History  
The Historians of Ancient Rome  
Ancient Historians

The Greek and Roman Historians  
The History of The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire Volume V By Edward Gibbon

**Although the relationship of Greco-Roman historians with their readerships has attracted much scholarly attention, classicists principally focus on individual historians, while there has been no collective work on the matter. The editors of this volume aspire to fill this gap and gather papers which offer an overall view of the Greco-Roman readership and of its interaction with ancient historians. The authors of this book endeavor to define the physiognomy of the audience of history in the Roman Era both by exploring the narrative arrangement of ancient historical prose and by using sources in which Greco-Roman intellectuals address the issue of the readership of history. Ancient historians shaped their accounts**

**taking into consideration their readers' tastes, and this is evident on many different levels, such as the way a historian fashions his authorial image, addresses his readers, or uses certain compositional strategies to elicit the readers' affective and cognitive responses to his messages. The papers of this volume analyze these narrative aspects and contextualize them within their socio-political environment in order to reveal the ways ancient readerships interacted with and affected Greco-Roman historical prose.**

**Parenti presents a story of popular resistance against entrenched power and wealth. As he carefully weighs the evidence in the murder of Caesar, he sketches in the background to the crime with fascinating detail about Roman society.**

**The Historians of Ancient Rome is the most comprehensive collection of ancient sources for Roman history available in a single English volume. After a general introduction on Roman historical writing, extensive passages from more than a dozen Greek and Roman historians and biographers trace**

**the history of Rome over more than a thousand years: from the city's foundation by Romulus in 753 B.C.E. (Livy) to Constantine's edict of toleration for Christianity (313 C.E.) Selections include many of the high points of Rome's climb to world domination: the defeat of Hannibal; the conquest of Greece and the eastern Mediterranean; the defeat of the Catilinarian conspirators; Caesar's conquest of Gaul; Antony and Cleopatra; the establishment of the Empire by Caesar Augustus; and the "Roman Peace" under Hadrian and long excerpts from Tacitus record the horrors of the reigns of Tiberius and Nero. The book is intended both for undergraduate courses in Roman history and for the general reader interested in approaching the Romans through the original historical sources. Hence, excerpts of Polybius, Livy, and Tacitus are extensive enough to be read with pleasure as an exciting narrative. Now in its third edition, changes to this thoroughly revised volume include a new timeline, translations of several key inscriptions such as the Twelve Tables, and additional readings. This is a book**

**which no student of Roman history should be without.**

**Presents a collection of primary source documents, a timeline, and a master index.**

**The Historians' History of the World: The early Roman empire**

**A People's History of Ancient Rome**

**SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome**

**Virtus Romana**

**Selected Works (Cicero, Marcus Tullius)**

**Tacitus, The Histories**

*“Exciting and vivid . . . an excellent single-volume reference for classical battles” from the author of Greek & Roman Warfare (HistoryNet.com). This comprehensive reference book on the battles of the ancient world covers events from the eighth century BC down to 31BC, when Octavian defeated Antony and Cleopatra at the battle of Actium. The author presents, in an exciting and vivid style, complete with battle plans and maps, all of the land and sea battles of the Greek and Roman worlds, based on the accounts by historians of the time. “A chronology of ancient battles from earliest recorded Greek history to the end of the Roman*

Republic . . . This is a unique resource for which there are no comparable works. It will be useful to students, scholars, and enthusiasts of war gaming.” –Booklist “If you are interested in warfare of Greek and/or Roman times . . . this book should be your first port of call to decide on your next ancients project.” –Avon Napoleonic Fellowship “A magnificent compilation of ancient battles from the dawn of recorded history to 31 BC . . . remarkable . . . Ancient buffs need this book.” –Historical Miniatures Gaming Society

The main part of Polybius's history covers the years 264–146 BCE. It describes the rise of Rome to the destruction of Carthage and the domination of Greece by Rome.--From publisher description.

Musaicum Books presents to you this carefully created collection of Edward Gibbon's historical works, memoirs & letters. This ebook has been designed and formatted to the highest digital standards and adjusted for readability on all devices. Edward Gibbon (1737–1794) was an English historian

and Member of Parliament. He is best known for his book, *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. The work covers the history of the Roman Empire, Europe, and the Catholic Church from 98 to 1590 and discusses the decline of the Roman Empire in the East and West. Because of its relative objectivity and heavy use of primary sources, unusual at the time, its methodology became a model for later historians. This led to Gibbon being called the first modern historian of ancient Rome. Table of Contents: *The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* *Memoirs of My Life and Writings* *Private Letters of Edward Gibbon* *Gibbon - Biography* by J. C. Morison

The political transformation that took place at the end of the Roman Republic was a particularly rich area for analysis by the era's historians. Major narrators chronicled the crisis that saw the end of the Roman Republic and the changes that gave birth to a new political system. These writers drew significantly on the Roman idea of *virtus* as a way of interpreting and

understanding their past. Tracing how  
virtus informed Roman thought over  
time, Catalina Balmaceda explores the  
concept and its manifestations in the  
narratives of four successive Latin  
historians who span the late Republic  
and early Principate: Sallust, Livy,  
Velleius, and Tacitus. Balmaceda  
demonstrates that virtus in these  
historical narratives served as a form  
of self-definition that fostered and  
propagated a new model of the ideal  
Roman more fitting to imperial times.  
As a crucial moral and political  
concept, virtus worked as a key idea in  
the complex system of Roman  
sociocultural values and norms that  
underpinned Roman attitudes about both  
present and past. This book offers a  
reappraisal of the historians as  
promoters of change and continuity in  
the political culture of both the  
Republic and the Empire.

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The Fragments of the Roman Historians  
Information and Misinformation

The History of the Decline and Fall of  
the Roman Empire

Ancient Rome

*The Roman Republic of Letters*

All six volumes contained in the eBook, and there is a linked table of contents, the footnotes are also linked. Gibbon's masterpiece, which narrates the history of the Roman Empire from the second century a.d. to its collapse in the west in the fifth century and in the east in the fifteenth century, is widely considered the greatest work of history ever written. The History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire (sometimes shortened to Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire) is a book of history written by the English historian Edward Gibbon, which traces the trajectory of Western civilization (as well as the Islamic and Mongolian conquests) from the height of the Roman Empire to the fall of Byzantium. Published in six volumes, volume I was published in 1776 and went through six printings. Volumes II and III were published in 1781; volumes IV, V, and VI in 1788–89. The original volumes were published in quarto sections, a common publishing practice of the time. The work covers the history of the Roman Empire, Europe, and the Catholic Church from 98 to 1590 and discusses the decline of the Roman Empire in the East and West. Because of its relative objectivity and heavy use of primary

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his own age of reason and rational thought, it was believed, that human history could resume its progress. Gibbon sees the Praetorian Guard as the primary catalyst of the empire's initial decay and eventual collapse, a seed planted by Augustus at the establishment of the empire. He cites repeated examples of the Praetorian Guard abusing their power with calamitous results, including numerous instances of imperial assassination and incessant demands for increased pay. Gibbon's style is frequently distinguished by an ironically detached and somewhat dispassionate yet critical tone. He occasionally lapsed into moralization and aphorism. "As long as mankind shall continue to bestow more liberal applause on their destroyers than on their benefactors, the thirst of military glory will ever be the vice of the most exalted characters". "The influence of the clergy, in an age of superstition, might be usefully employed to assert the rights of mankind; but so intimate is the connection between the throne and the altar, that the banner of the church has very seldom been seen on the side of the people"(Chapter Three). "History...is, indeed, little more than the register of the crimes, follies, and misfortune of mankind"(ibid). "If we

contrast the rapid progress of this mischievous discovery [of gunpowder] with the slow and laborious advances of reason, science, and the arts of peace, a philosopher, according to his temper, will laugh or weep at the folly of mankind" (Chapter). Gibbon provides the reader with a glimpse of his thought process with extensive notes along the body of the text, a precursor to the modern use of footnotes. Gibbon's footnotes are famous for their idiosyncratic and often humorous style, and have been called "Gibbon's table talk." They provide an entertaining moral commentary on both ancient Rome and 18th-century Great Britain. This technique enabled Gibbon to compare ancient Rome to modern times. Gibbon's work advocates a rationalist and progressive view of history.

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