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fascinating if rome had survived the in fighting back at home in the fourth and fifth centuries european and world history could be different today dover express this is an intriguing exploration of how the history of europe and indeed the world might have been different if the western roman empire had survived the crises that pulled it apart in the 4th and 5th centuries dr timothy

venning starts by showing how that survival and recovery might plausibly have happened if several relatively minor things had been different he then moves on to discuss a series of scenarios which might have altered the course of subsequent history dramatically would the survival of a strong western empire have assisted the eastern byzantine empire in halting the expansion of islam in the middle east and north africa how would the western roman empire have handled the viking threat could they even have exploited the viking discovery of america and established successful colonies there while necessarily speculative all the scenarios are discussed within the framework of a deep understanding of the major driving forces tensions and trends that shaped european history and help to shed light upon them in so doing they help the reader to understand why things panned out as they did as well as what might have been this is a fun read the earlier sections cast a light on the real fall of the western empire while the later sections provide an entertaining view of how history might have played out if rome had survived in the west history of war

back cover in this work laura j hunt notes the evidence of local interactions with rome in important first century ce cities the resulting reading of the johannine trial narrative depicts jesus in the words and images of a caesar and pilate negotiating his power over the jews and his vulnerabilty before caesar

follow vespasian s rise from roman general in britain to emperor shaping the flavian dynasty during rome s turbulent civil war to anyone scanning the sea from the southern coast of britain in the year 43 ad the sight of hundreds of ships appearing one by one as dots on the horizon would have filled them with awe and dread on a leading warship a hundred and twenty oarsmen heaved at their work as one of the four legionary legates scanned the cliff tops expecting to see them lined with warriors as julius caesar had described nearly a hundred years before vespasian would lead the second augusta in the initial invasion and in a remarkable campaign across southern britain capturing a score of strongholds oppida such as the formidable

maiden castle along the way his career later suffered from the intrigues of court politics during the reign of nero at one point making the near fatal mistake of falling asleep during one of the emperor s artistic performances vespasian s fortunes were revived by the outbreak of revolt in judea thus vespasian found himself in the right place at the right time commanding a vast battle hardened victorious army as the empire descended into civil war and chaos the year 68 69 became known as the year of the four emperors as after nero s suicide galba otho and vitellius seized the throne in quick succession when vitellius emerged as the victor vespasian took his chance it would prove a pivotal moment in rome s history stabilizing the political and economic situation and establishing the flavian dynasty

bestselling classical historian barry strauss delivers an exceptionally accessible history of the roman empire much of ten caesars reads like a script for game of thrones the wall street journal a summation of three and a half centuries of the roman empire as seen through the lives of ten of the most important emperors from augustus to constantine in this essential and enlightening the new york times book review work barry strauss tells the story of the roman empire from rise to reinvention from augustus who founded the empire to constantine who made it christian and moved the capital east to constantinople during these centuries rome gained in splendor and territory then lost both by the fourth century the time of constantine the roman empire had changed so dramatically in geography ethnicity religion and culture that it would have been virtually unrecognizable to augustus rome s legacy remains today in so many ways from language law and architecture to the seat of the roman catholic church strauss examines this enduring heritage through the lives of the men who shaped it augustus tiberius nero vespasian trajan hadrian marcus aurelius septimius severus diocletian and constantine over the ages they learned to maintain the family business the government of an empire by adapting when necessary and always persevering no matter the cost ten caesars is a captivating narrative that breathes new life into a host of transformative figures publishers weekly this superb summation of four centuries of roman history a masterpiece of compression confirms barry strauss as the

foremost academic classicist writing for the general reader today the wall street journal

this thoroughly up to date english biography provides an account of caesar s life it is both lively and engaging offering an imaginative recounting of actions and events while giving a thorough coverage and analysis

sextus iulius frontinus is best known as author of the military handbook strategems but in addition to writing this and other works now lost he also had a varied and surprisingly influential career in military and civil posts around the roman empire frontinus loyally served at least six emperors often acting as a trusted counselor and even deputized for trajan while he was busy in germany and elsewhere he was possibly the longest serving governor of britain five years where he completed the subjugation of wales and established the frontier in northern england at the ribble tees line he founded several legionary fortresses including those that later became the towns of york chester and caerleon he also served on the rhine in spain and asia and in the civil sphere reformed the water supply of rome john grainger has written the first full biography of frontinus reconstructing his life to the fullest extent permitted by the sources he favorably re evaluates his importance particularly in britain at the expense of the better known agricola froninus career the author concludes is one of the most varied and significant of any that can be reconstruted for any roman who did not become emperor

the lives of the caesars include the biographies of julius caesar and the eleven subsequent emperors augustus tiberius gaius caligula claudius nero galba otho vitelius vespasian titus domitian suetonius composed his material from a variety of sources without much concern for their reliability his biographies consist the ancestry and career of each emperor in turn however his interest is not so much analytical or historical but anecdotal and salacious which gives rise to a lively and provocative succession of portraits the account of julius caesar does not simply mention his crossing of the rubicon and his assassination but draws attention to his dark piercing eyes and attempts to conceal his baldness the live of caligula presents a vivid picture

of the emperor's grotesque appearance his waywardness and his insane cruelties the format and style of Suetonius' *Lives of the Caesars* was to set the tone for biography throughout western literature his work remains thoroughly readable and full of interest about the series for over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features including expert introductions by leading authorities helpful notes to clarify the text up to date bibliographies for further study and much more

In Search of the Romans is a lively and informative introduction to ancient Rome making extensive use of ancient sources and copiously illustrated with photographs drawings maps and plans now for the first time in colour its opening two chapters guide the reader through the events of Roman history from the foundation of the city to the fall of the empire subsequent chapters introduce the most important aspects of the Roman world the army and the provinces religion society and entertainment the final two chapters focus on Pompeii and Herculaneum the two cities destroyed by Vesuvius new to this edition are sections on the Augustan principate on the Roman army on life in the provinces and on engineering innovations while the existing text is revised throughout the narrative includes descriptions of many individuals from the Roman world drawn from a variety of social settings activity boxes and further reading lists throughout each chapter aid students' understanding of the subject review questions challenge students to read further and reflect on some of the most important social political and cultural issues of ancient Rome as well as to compare them with those of their own society the new edition is supported by a website that includes images maps and timelines further reading and related links

a number of nations conspicuously Israel and the United States have been increasingly attracted to the use of strategic barriers to promote national defense in *Do Good Fences Make Good Neighbors* defense analyst Brent Sterling examines the

historical use of strategic defenses such as walls or fortifications to evaluate their effectiveness and consider their implications for modern security sterling studies six famous defenses spanning 2 500 years representing both democratic and authoritarian regimes the long walls of athens hadrian s wall in roman britain the ming great wall of china louis xiv s pré carré france s maginot line and israel s bar lev line although many of these barriers were effective in the short term they also affected the states that created them in terms of cost strategic outlook military readiness and relations with neighbors sterling assesses how modern barriers against ground and air threats could influence threat perceptions alter the military balance and influence the builder s subsequent policy choices advocates and critics of strategic defenses often bolster their arguments by selectively distorting history sterling emphasizes the need for an impartial examination of what past experience can teach us his study yields nuanced lessons about strategic barriers and international security and yields findings that are relevant for security scholars and compelling to general readers

a lively and engaging narrative history showing the common threads in the cultures that gave birth to our own this is the first volume in a bold series that tells the stories of all peoples connecting historical events from europe to the middle east to the far coast of china while still giving weight to the characteristics of each country susan wise bauer provides both sweeping scope and vivid attention to the individual lives that give flesh to abstract assertions about human history dozens of maps provide a clear geography of great events while timelines give the reader an ongoing sense of the passage of years and cultural interconnection this old fashioned narrative history employs the methods of history from beneath literature epic traditions private letters and accounts to connect kings and leaders with the lives of those they ruled the result is an engrossing tapestry of human behavior from which we may draw conclusions about the direction of world events and the causes behind them

an epic history of how the so called barbarians of the steppes shaped the modern world a rollercoaster of historical narration history today this is a history of epic scope that brings together the empires of the steppe land with the caravan cities of the silk road and imperial china martyn rady author of the middle kingdoms a sweeping account of forty five centuries of nomadic tribes gillian tett financial times flips the script to present the booted felt capped leather trousered and kaftan wearing nomads as the bearers of civilisation harl s exhaustively researched book will ensure they rejoin the narrative of world history marc david baer guardian the barbarian nomads of the eurasian steppes played a decisive role in world history but their achievements have gone largely unnoticed these tribes produced some of the world s greatest conquerors attila the hun genghis khan and tamerlane among others and their deeds still resonate today indeed these nomads built long lasting empires facilitated the first global trade of the silk road and disseminated religions technology knowledge and goods of every description that enriched and changed the lives of so many across europe china and the middle east from a single region emerged a great many peoples the huns the mongols the magyars the turks the xiongnu the scythians the goths all of whom went on to profoundly and irrevocably shape the modern world in this enthralling new history professor kenneth w harl draws on a lifetime of scholarship to vividly recreate the lives of these peoples from their beginnings to the early modern age their brutal struggle to survive on the steppes bred a resilient pragmatic people ever ready to learn from their neighbours in warfare they dominated the battlefield for over fifteen hundred years under charismatic rulers they could topple empires and win their own

the encyclopedia of historians and historical writing contains over 800 entries ranging from lord acton and anna comnena to howard zinn and from herodotus to simon schama over 300 contributors from around the world have composed critical assessments of historians from the beginning of historical writing to the present day including individuals from related disciplines like jürgen habermas and clifford geertz whose theoretical contributions have informed historical debate additionally

the encyclopedia includes some 200 essays treating the development of national regional and topical historiographies from the ancient near east to the history of sexuality in addition to the western tradition it includes substantial assessments of african asian and latin american historians and debates on gender and subaltern studies

brehtaking in its historical and geographical scope this book provides a sweeping examination of the construction of male and female homosexualities stressing both the variability of the forms same sex desire can take and the key recurring patterns it has formed throughout history an indispensable resource on same sex sexual relationships and their social contexts essential reading choice p romises to deliver a lot and even more extraordinarily succeeds in its lofty aims o riginal and refreshing a sensational book part of what i see emerging as a new commonsense revolution within academe kevin white international gay and lesbian review

most readers know antonin artaud as a theorist of the theatre and as a playwright director and actor manqué now john c stout s highly original study installs artaud as a writer and theorist of biography in alternate genealogies stout analyzes two separate but interrelated preoccupations central to artaud s work the self portrait and the family romance he shows how artaud in several important but relatively neglected texts rewrites the life stories of historical and literary figures with whom he identifies for example paolo ucello abelard van gogh and shelley s francesco cenci in an attempt to reinvent himself through the image or life of another throughout the book stout focusses on artaud s struggles to recover the sense of self that eludes him and to master the reproductive process by recreating the family in and as his own fantasies of it with this research john c stout has added considerably to our understanding of artaud his book will be much appreciated by theatre scholars artaud specialists freudians lacanians and both theorists and practitioners of life writing

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