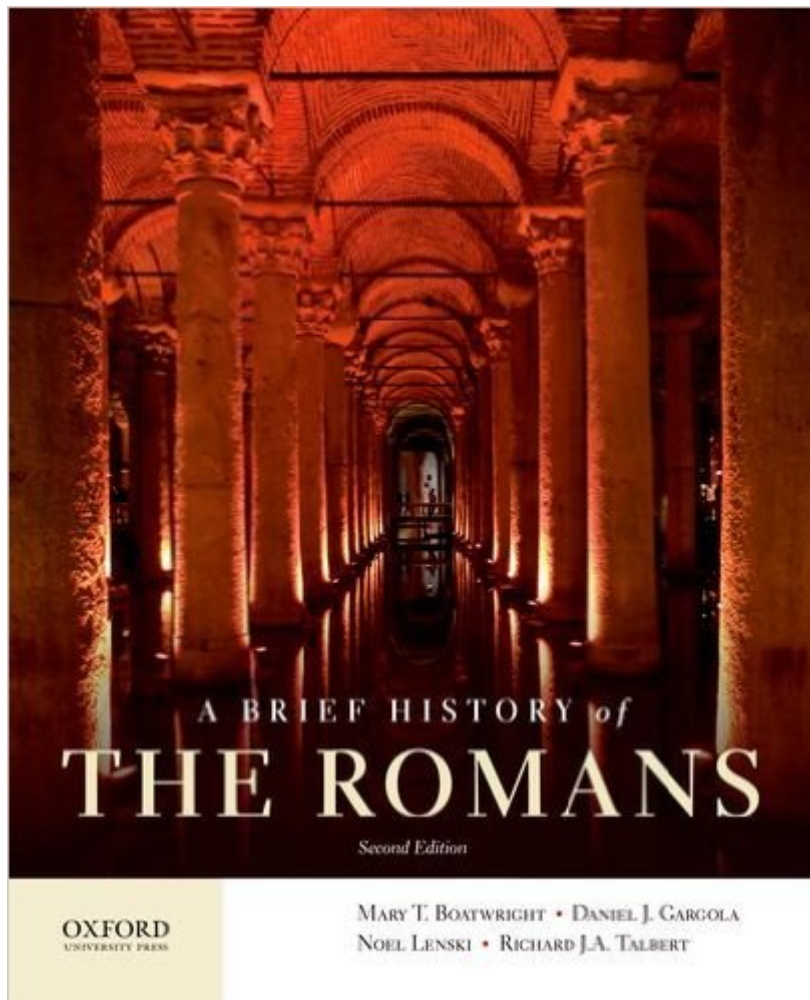


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Pictures when appropriate (yes, in color), not too many pop-out boxes with irrelevant information like other textbooks, follows the history chronologically more or less and is very clear in terms of content. I used this book to supplement the textbook I used for my Roman history class and this book has made understanding the history a lot clearer. It doesn't go too in-depth, unfortunately for those who are looking for more depth (it is called a brief history after all). But it covered the history well enough and was a good refresher to read before an exam.

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I learned so much from this book! I LOVED reading it! It covers so much and really inspires me to go and see so many sites ALL over Europe of places that are STILL standing that are talked about in this book!

I am over half way through a detailed reading of this book as part of a course assignment. So far the governmental/political aspects are covered in minute detail; not so other ones. For someone wanting to know how Roman governance evolved, it is extremely thorough. However, there has been almost no mention of the languages used and their development; same for the arts. Perhaps these are presented later in the book. I recommend the book, especially for those studying government or political science. It reads fairly well as textbooks go.

Needed this for a class I took, but it was a really interesting textbook. If you're looking for something on this topic I recommend it.

I used this book for my Roman Civilizations class. I didn't read the whole book, but what I did read

was very well-explained and helpful for the content of the course.

the book came on time and was in a good condition. it had some highlighting and notes in it but that's always good for college students such as myself.

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