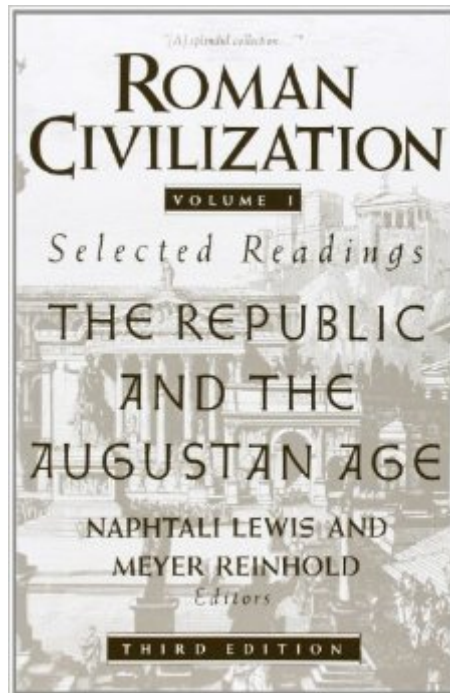


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This anthology of original sources contains excerpts both from classical historians (generally writing during the early Empire) and from letters, monuments, governmental decrees, laws and inscriptions. This isn't an introduction to Roman Civilization: the editorial comments help set the context but you need to know the political history and the geography in broad outline already, or be learning it as you read this book. The selections fill in the details, and give you some sense of how the Romans and their subject peoples of various periods throughout Rome's hundreds of years of history thought of themselves and their times, on matters of foreign and domestic policy, social order, religion, and Rome's place in the world.

This book is a wonderful introduction to Roman history and a good read as well. I first read it for a class in college and then bought it again later because I wanted to revisit it... It is NOT usual for me

to re-buy a textbook! If you are interested in the Republican era of Roman history, you will not find a better source for it.

Just totally awesome. Burned out on writing reviews right now or this one would be much better. But it's a very very good two volume set. While not historical *narrative*, there is much context provided from the editors/authors for all the selections. Also, the selections were plentiful and from a much wider variety of sources than I am used to seeing. Many of the expected ones are there (it's a law, I think, not to include Tacitus and Pliny in a book with 'words written by the romans themselves'). But that is there (and i was mostly kidding - it should be) but vignettes and graffiti and letters and so much more and from a variety of geographic locations, cultural allegiance, socio-economic class, etc. It's impossible to know if what survived from them is a statistically valid example of the whole civilization's views/attitudes, etc. - but I can't imagine doing a better job trying for that than these two books. Highly recommended.

Amazing book if you are interested in Roman History. This is not the typical history book, this is a very in depth book of roman history. I loved this and Vol II, absolutely a must buy if interested in the topic!

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