

## THE GOTHS: SOME SUGGESTED READING

David M. Gwynn, *The Goths: Lost Civilizations* (Reaktion Books, 2017) has an extended “Further Reading” section at the end for those wishing to explore particular themes, from which the following suggestions have been drawn:

### **On Gothic History and the Roman Empire**

- G. Halsall, *Barbarian Migrations and the Roman West, 376-568* (2007)  
P. Heather, *The Goths* (1996)  
P. Heather, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: A New History* (2005)  
B. Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (2005)

### **On the Gothic Kingdoms**

- P. Amory, *People and Identity in Ostrogothic Italy, 489-554* (1997)  
R. Collins, *Visigothic Spain 409-711* (2004)  
J.N. Hillgarth, *The Visigoths in History and Legend* (2009)  
J. Moorhead, *Theoderic in Italy* (1992)

### **On the Later Gothic**

- C. Bloom, *Gothic Histories: The Taste for Terror, 1764 to the Present* (2010)  
G. Byron and D. Townshend (eds.), *The Gothic World* (2013)  
P.J. Geary, *The Myth of Nations: The Medieval Origins of Europe* (2002)  
S. Klinger, *The Goths in England: A Study in Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Thought* (1952)

A particularly good place to start:

- N. Groom, *The Gothic: A Very Short Introduction* (2012)

While for a more extensive overview see now C. Spooner, D. Townshend and A. Wright (eds.), *The Cambridge History of the Gothic* (3 volumes, 2020-2021)

Finally, the only account of the early Goths left to us by an author of Gothic descent is Jordanes' *Getica* (written c.551). Combining history, legend and oral tradition, the *Getica* is a fascinating if occasionally misleading work, which can be read in full English translation here:

[The Origin and Deeds of the Goths \(ucalgary.ca\)](http://ucalgary.ca)