



The Fall of Rome and the Birth of Europe

4 Part Series

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SOME SUGGESTED READING

This series has ranged widely both chronologically and geographically, and many of the topics covered could only be summarised briefly rather than discussed in detail. The following suggestions provide some possible starting points for those who wish to read further. An introduction to the period can be found in D.M. Gwynn, *The Goths: Lost Civilizations* (2017), and many of the primary sources are collected in D.M. Gwynn, *Christianity in the Later Roman Empire: A Sourcebook* (2015)

General Reading

- P. Brown, *The World of Late Antiquity, AD 150-750* (1971)
- Av. Cameron, *The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity, AD 395-700* (2012)
- P. Heather, *Christendom: The Triumph of a Religion* (2022)
- S. Mitchell and G. Greatrex, *A History of the Later Roman Empire AD 284-700* (2023)
- J. Moorhead, *The Roman Empire Divided, 400-700* (2001)

The Fall of the Western Roman Empire

- A. Goldsworthy, *The Fall of The West: The Death of the Roman Superpower* (2010)
- G. Halsall, *Barbarian Migrations and the Roman West, 376-568* (2007)
- 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)

The Eastern Roman Empire and Justinian

- A.D. Lee, *From Rome to Byzantium AD 363 to 565: The Transformation of Ancient Rome* (2013)
- F. Millar, *A Greek Roman Empire: Power and Belief under Theodosius II (408-450)* (2006)
- S. Williams and G. Friell, *The Rome that did not Fall: The Survival of the East in the Fifth Century* (1999)

- J.A.S. Evans, *The Age of Justinian: The Circumstances of Imperial Power* (1996)
- F. Haarer, *Justinian: Empire and Society in the Sixth Century* (2022)
- P. Sarris, *Justinian: Emperor, Soldier, Saint* (2023)

Huns

- C. Kelly, *Attila the Hun: Barbarian Terror and the Fall of the Roman Empire* (2008)
- H.J. Kim, *The Huns* (2016)

M. Maas (ed.), *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Attila* (2015)

Visigoths and Ostrogoths

P. Amory, *People and Identity in Ostrogothic Italy, 489-554* (1997)

H.-U. Wiemer, *Theoderic the Great: King of Goths, Ruler of Romans* (2023)

R. Collins, *Visigothic Spain 409-711* (2004)

J.N. Hillgarth, *The Visigoths in History and Legend* (2009)

Franks

B. Effros and I. Moreira (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of the Merovingian World* (2020)

E. James, *The Franks* (1988)

I. Wood, *The Merovingian Kingdoms 470-751* (1994)

The Papacy and Anglo-Saxon England

P. Brown, *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity, A.D. 200-1000* (2013)

T. Charles-Edwards (ed.), *Short Oxford History of the British Isles: After Rome* (2003)

R.A. Markus, *Gregory the Great and his World* (1997)

Early Medieval Europe

P. Heather, *Empires and Barbarians: The Fall of Rome and the Birth of Europe* (2010)

M. Innes, *Introduction to Early Medieval Western Europe, 300-900: The Sword, the Plough and the Book* (2007)

C. Wickham, *The Inheritance of Rome: A History of Europe from 400 to 1000* (2009)

Two Historical Atlases

T. Cornell and J. Matthews, *The Roman World* (1991)

C. Scarre, *The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Rome* (1995)