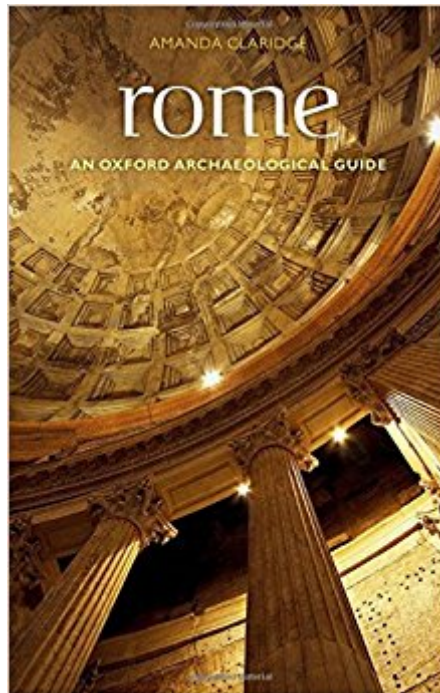




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Amanda Claridge is Professor of Roman Archaeology at Royal Holloway University of London. Assistant Director of the British School at Rome from 1980 to 1994, her wider archaeological activities have included fieldwork in Rome, elsewhere in Italy, North Africa, and Turkey, and the study of Roman marbles and sculptural techniques, on which she is a noted authority.

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