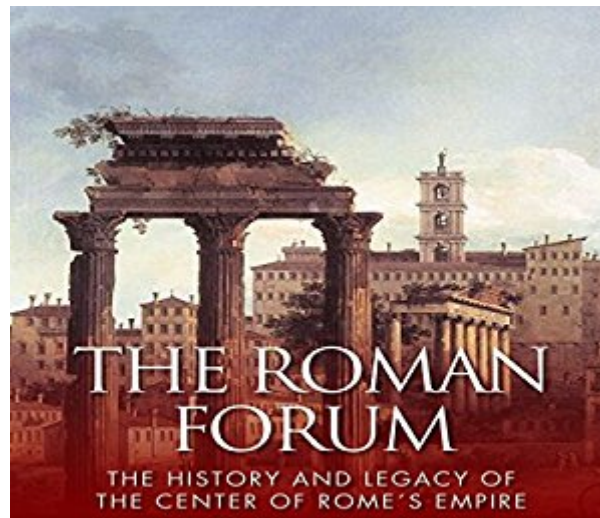




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The Roman Forum: The History And Legacy Of The Center Of Rome's Empire



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Synopsis

"A circular trench was dug around what is now the Comitium, and in this were deposited first-fruits of all things the use of which was sanctioned by custom as good and by nature as necessary; and finally, every man brought a small portion of the soil of his native land, and these were cast in among the first-fruits and mingled with them. They call this trench, as they do the heavens, by the name of 'mundus' ['the world']. Then, taking this as a center, they marked out the city in a circle round it." (Plutarch) The Roman Empire is the most famous in history, and the center of the far-reaching empire's activities were located in the Forum, a low area between the Capitoline and Palatine hills in Rome. The topography held a great deal of significance for Romans, and consequently so many layers of myth were laid on top of the landscape and buildings that it is difficult to separate legend from actual historical fact. As a low-lying area near the Tiber River, the Forum was subject to much flooding, and even into the 20th century the Forum area could flood upward of 40 feet above sea level. This would factor significantly in the imaginations of Romans, who later ascribed the flooding with saving the city's founders, Romulus and Remus, from execution. However, in the eighth and seventh centuries BC, this did not make for a good area for construction. Previous generations of excavators have concluded that in the beginning, there were wattle and daub huts in the Forum, as indicated by remains of organic food material, fragments of daub, and evidence of post holes dug in the ground for these structures.

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Solid book if you are either an enthusiast of ancient Roman architecture or a tourist wanting to know

something of the history behind the multitude of ruins found within the confines of the Roman Forum. I enjoyed it most for the description of the opening battle between the Sabine king, Titus Tatius and Hostius Hostilius, the mention of the remains of the Tullianum where St. Peter and St. Paul were presumably imprisoned as well as the numerous photographs provided. A good informative book overall.

Wow so much to know....so much of this we learn in school but dear Lord it has been almost 50 years. I was really engrossed in the details that I had forgotten. We all have those desires too remember the past and this is one way to get the facts straight without reading 3-400 pages. Quick and to the point.

Good introduction to the Roman Forum.....!

A good accompaniment of the Guide Book to Tourists to Rome. Outline of the history related to each feature in the present day site of the Roman Forum is well covered.

Having visited the Forum, it was great to read about some of the details. Very well written. Pictures were great and brought back great memories of our trip to Italy.

Makes curious and informative study! Linkages of people and related situations as well as era appears disjointed at places !

The item was received as expected. There were no issues. What else can one say about a digitally downloaded item?

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