

## Roman Britain

### Reading List

#### **An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire, 54 BC - AD 409**

by David Mattingly

Part of the *Penguin History of Britain* series, *An Imperial Possession* is the first major narrative history of Roman Britain for a generation. David Mattingly draws on a wealth of new findings and knowledge to cut through the myths and misunderstandings that so commonly surround our beliefs about this period. From the rebellious chiefs and druids who led native British resistance, to the experiences of the Roman military leaders in this remote, dangerous outpost of Europe, this book explores the reality of life in occupied Britain within the context of the shifting fortunes of the Roman Empire.

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#### **Roman Britain: A New History**

by Guy de la Bédoyère

This illuminating account of Britain as a Roman province sets the Roman conquest and occupation of the island within the larger context of Romano-British society and how it functioned.

The author first outlines events from the Iron Age period immediately preceding the conquest in AD 43 to the emperor Honorius's advice to the Britons in 410 to fend for themselves. He then tackles the issues facing Britons after the absorption of their culture by an invading army, including the role of government and the military in the province, religion, commerce, technology, and daily life. For this revised edition, the text, illustrations, and bibliography have been updated to reflect the latest discoveries and research in recent years.

The superb illustrations feature reconstruction drawings, dramatic aerial views of Roman remains, and images of Roman villas, mosaics, coins, pottery, and sculpture.

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#### **Britain After Rome: The Fall and Rise, 400 to 1070**

by Robin Fleming

The enormous hoard of beautiful gold military objects found in a field in Staffordshire has focused huge attention on the mysterious world of 7th and 8th century Britain. Clearly the product of a sophisticated, wealthy, highly militarized society, the objects beg innumerable questions about how we are to understand the people who once walked across the same landscape we inhabit, who are our ancestors and yet left such a slight record of their presence. *Britain after Rome* brings together a wealth of research and imaginative engagement to bring us as close as we can hope to get to the tumultuous centuries between the departure of the Roman legions and the arrival of Norman invaders nearly seven centuries later. As towns fell into total decay, Christianity disappeared, and wave upon wave of invaders swept across the island, it can be too easily assumed that life in Britain became intolerable—and yet this is the world in which modern languages and political arrangements were forged, a number of fascinating cultures rose and fell and tantalizing glimpses, principally through the study of buildings and burials, can be had of a surprising and resilient place. The result of a lifetime of work, Robin Fleming's major new addition to the Penguin History of Britain could not be more opportune. A richly enjoyable, varied, and surprising book, *Britain after Rome* allows its readers to see Britain's history in a quite new light.

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### **The Roman Invasion of Britain**

by Graham Webster

In AD 43 - almost 100 years after Julius Caesar's punitive expedition - Britain was invaded for the second time. Using the full range of historical and archaeology sources, this book explores the background to the invasion, describes the actual landings and details the shape of the new province. Graham Webster is one of Britain's most eminent archaeologists, with a long and distinguished career which earned him an OBE.

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