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Preface

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This volume was first conceived in 2008 to provide a comprehensive and authoritative guide to current research on the development of the city of Rome from its legendary foundations as a settlement on the banks of the Tiber down to late antiquity. Fresh discoveries and innovative approaches have in recent years transformed our traditional picture of the city of Rome, and the intention was to produce a one-volume overview of new developments in the field, integrating the latest archaeological, topographical, and historical evidence to address aspects of the physical structure of the city and the lives of its inhabitants. It is aimed at undergraduate and postgraduate students, but is also intended to be appealing and accessible to general readers.

The volume is divided into ten thematic sections and all chapters are carefully focused on the city of Rome. The opening section discusses the source material available for the study of Rome, with leading experts in their fields addressing approaches to the archaeological, written, epigraphic, and numismatic material. Readers are also introduced to the marble plans of the city, and an essay tracing the history of Rome places the rest of the chapters into their wider historical context. The remaining sections all deal with a different aspect of the city, with original essays exploring central issues such as Rome's evolving urban landscape and fabric, the size and composition of the population, the development of urban infrastructure, the experiences of living and dying in the city, the local economy, civic life, including religion, law, entertainment, and politics, and the staging and commemoration of the local Roman triumph. A final series of essays examine the changing reception of ancient Rome from antiquity through to the present day. Extensive cross-referencing between chapters is intended to encourage readers to note the connections between different topics, and a guide to further reading is

provided at the end of each chapter to enable further exploration of key issues in more depth.

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CIG – *Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum*, 4 vols. Berlin, 1825–77.

ICUR – *Inscriptiones Christianae Urbis Romae*, Rome, 1922–

IGUR – L. Moretti, *Inscriptiones Graecae Urbis Romae*, 4 vols. Rome: Istituto italiano per la storia antica, 1968–90.

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