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## Synopsis

Livy's History of Rome (Ab Urbe Condita Libri), of which only one third of 142 books remain, stands as one of the greatest historical works not only of Rome, but in all of history. This edition includes all surviving books, with a table of contents to navigate through the over 2,000 pages.

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...is actually required outside reading in most University Roman History courses. One can easily see why. And it is to bring you closer to the debatable events by those from the Classical eras. A headtrip of a dive back in time. Read the Latin with the English translation edition, if you can. It leaves you greatly more learned and fascinated.

If you want to understand politics and how citizens' rights evolved, this is the book for you. Amazing what the ancient Romans went through to establish their place in history. No doubt James Madison used this history to develop his plan for the US Constitution. It is also an expose on human nature and how corruption from within and fear and violence can destroy the strongest of societies. As we struggle with how to control the professional political class and debate term limits in our own time, we should note that, under the Republic, Roman consuls were elected for only one year at a time

and were rarely reelected except in times of war and deprivation. It is also a warning not to abdicate our political responsibility to political elites like the Roman Senate. People must stay involved and freely express their opinions to find the best road to prosperity.

I read the First Man in Rome series before reading Livy and wished that I had read them in reverse. They were both fabulous in a different way but both beautifully portrayed the times, the social mores the politics, incessant wars and the beliefs and religious duties. I was greatly dismayed to come to the end of book 45 and realise that there were another 100 or so books lost. What a great pity.

Not everyone loves or even likes Livy. He has his positives. For me the biggest positive is that it is an almost ancient text that I can spend some time reading and trying to understand his prejudices and point of view. The format for this works very well with Kindle app on Fire HDX 9

Great read if you're into comparing the historical political environment of the Roman civilization with current events. Hard to believe, but much of what occurs in today's world is very reflective of what has occurred in the past.

great translation, and very well written account of the history of Rome. livy is a fairly easy read. take the time to read this.

Comprehensive history of early Rome by someone who wasn't there, but nevertheless was far closer in time and culture to that world than we are today. Readers of history should be aware that this is written in an ancient style with ancient priorities and is in translation, and so it might not be a quick breezy read. But if the subject engages you, Livy is the man. One thing a careful reader might note is that Livy, although he was engaged by Augustus Caesar to write a somewhat heroic Roman history, actually includes a lot of subversive critiques and information about Rome's past, by no means sanitizing or justifying its conquests and failings. This is not a hagiography of Roman greatness, but serious history written by a serious historian, from a time when much of later ancient Roman history was still classifiable as "current events".

This was pretty much what I expected, a good translation of Livy's history of Rome from its founding to the end of the Second Macedonian War in about 200 BC. The translation has gaps due to the lack of a complete copy of Livy, but that can hardly be blamed on the translator. There is a lot of

listing of names of various officials every year, and some of the names become rather familiar and refer to the ancestors of the Gracchi, the house of Julius and Claudius, among others. the most ancient times are somewhat shrouded in legend, but the stories of the wolf and the twins, the kings of Rome and the origin of the Republic, and the frequently strained relationships of the plebes and the upper class are all here. The Roman history we are familiar with, the Caesars and the Pax Romana, follows this book and should not be expected. Still it was a good read.

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