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the new roman empire is the first full single author history of byzantium the eastern roman empire to appear in a generation it begins with the foundation of constantinople in 324 ad and ends with the fall of the empire to the ottoman turks in the fifteenth century presenting those twelve centuries in an accessible narrative of events free of jargon the book focuses on political and military history as well as all the major changes in religion society administration demography and economy

with original essays by leading scholars this book explores the social history of the

medieval eastern roman empire and offers illuminating new insights into our knowledge of byzantine society provides interconnected essays of original scholarship relating to the social history of the byzantine empire offers groundbreaking theoretical and empirical research in the study of byzantine society includes helpful glossaries of sociological theoretical terms and byzantine medieval terms

the longevity of the byzantine state was due largely to the existence of variegated and articulated economic systems this three volume study examines the structures and dynamics of the economy and the factors that contributed to its development over time the first volume addresses the environment resources communications and production techniques the second volume examines the urban economy presents case studies of a number of places including sardis pergamon thebes athens and corinth and discusses exchange trade and market forces the third volume treats the themes of economic institutions and the state and general traits of the byzantine economy this global study of one of the most successful medieval economies will interest historians economic historians archaeologists and art historians as well as those interested in the byzantine empire and the medieval mediterranean world

this revised and expanded edition of the widely praised *A History of Byzantium* covers the time of constantine the great in ad 306 to the fall of constantinople in 1453 expands treatment of the middle and later byzantine periods incorporating new archaeological evidence includes additional maps and photographs and a newly annotated updated bibliography incorporates a new section on web resources for byzantium studies demonstrates that byzantium was important in its own right but also served as a bridge between east and west and ancient and modern society situates byzantium in its broader historical context with a new comparative timeline and textboxes

between ad 285 when byzantium first separated from the western roman empire and 1461 when the last byzantine splinter state disappeared the byzantine state and society underwent many crises triumphs declines and recoveries spanning twelve centuries and three continents the byzantine empire linked the ancient and modern worlds shaping and transmitting greek roman and christian traditions including the greek classics roman law and christian theology that remain vigorous today not only in eastern europe and the middle east but throughout western civilization

now published in the bloomsbury revelations series this 25th anniversary edition offers a concise overview of the broad and complex history of byzantium

norwich is always on the lookout for the small but revealing details all of this he recounts in a style that consistently entertains the new york times book review in this magisterial adaptation of his epic three volume history of byzantium john julius norwich chronicles the world s longest lived christian empire beginning with constantine the great who in a d 330 made christianity the religion of his realm and then transferred its capital to the city that would bear his name norwich follows the course of eleven centuries of byzantine statecraft and warfare politics and theology manners and art in the pages of a short history of byzantium we encounter mystics and philosophers eunuchs and barbarians and rulers of fantastic erudition piety and degeneracy we enter the life of an empire that could create some of the world s most transcendent religious art and then destroy it in the convulsions of fanaticism stylishly written and overflowing with drama pathos and wit here is a matchless account of a lost civilization and its magnificent cultural legacy strange and fascinating filled with drollery and horror boston globe

this book is a concise narrative of byzantine history from the time of constantine the great ad 306 to the fall of constantinople in 1453 argues that byzantium was important in its own right but also served as a bridge between east and west and ancient and modern society uses the chronological political history of the empire as a narrative frame considers social and economic life and the rich culture of the byzantine empire integrates visual documents such as photographs of art architecture and implements from daily life makes the latest scholarship accessible to a wide audience includes a chronological list of emperors a glossary and maps

originally the eastern half of the mighty roman empire byzantium grew to be one of the longest surviving empires in world history spanning nine centuries and three continents it was a land of contrasts from the glittering centre at constantinople to the rural majority to the heartland of the orthodox church and one surrounded by enemies persians arabs and ottoman turks to the east slavs and bulgars to the north saracens and normans to the west written by one of the world s leading experts on byzantine history byzantium a history tells the chequered story of a historical enigma from its birth out of the ashes of rome in the third century to its era defining fall at the hands of the ottoman turks in 1453

the oxford history of byzantium is the only history to provide in concise form detailed coverage of byzantium from its roman beginnings to the fall of constantinople and assimilation into the turkish empire lively essays and beautiful illustrations portray the emergence and development of a distinctive civilization covering the period from the fourth century to the mid fifteenth century the authors all working at the cutting edge of

their particular fields outline the political history of the byzantine state and bring to life the evolution of a colourful culture in ad 324 the emperor constantine the great chose byzantium an ancient greek colony at the mouth of the thracian bosphorous as his imperial residence he renamed the place *constantinopolis nova roma* constantinople the new rome and the city modern istanbul became the eastern capital of the later roman empire the new rome outlived the old and constantine s successors continued to regard themselves as the legitimate emperors of rome just as their subjects called themselves *romaios* or romans long after they had forgotten the latin language in the sixteenth century western humanists gave this eastern roman empire ruled from constantinople the epithet *byzantine* against a backdrop of stories of emperors intrigues battles and bishops this oxford history uncovers the hidden mechanisms economic social and demographic that underlay the history of events the authors explore everyday life in cities and villages manufacture and trade machinery of government the church as an instrument of state minorities education literary activity beliefs and superstitions monasticism iconoclasm the rise of islam and the fusion with western or latin culture byzantium linked the ancient and modern worlds shaping traditions and handing down to both eastern and western civilization a vibrant legacy

a vivid story of byzantium s existence over the span of 1 100 years this work may well become the standard english language history of byzantium library journal this is the first comprehensive and up to date history of byzantium to appear in almost sixty years and the first ever to cover both the byzantine state and byzantine society it begins in a d 285 when the emperor diocletian separated what became byzantium from the western roman empire and ends in 1461 when the last byzantine outposts fell to the ottoman turks spanning twelve centuries and three continents the byzantine empire linked the ancient and modern worlds shaping and transmitting greek roman and christian traditions including the greek classics roman law and christian theology that remain vigorous today not only in eastern europe and the middle east but throughout western civilization though in its politics byzantium often resembled a third world dictatorship it has never yet been matched in maintaining a single state for so long over a wide area inhabited by heterogeneous peoples drawing on a wealth of original sources and modern works the author treats political and social developments as a single vivid story told partly in detailed narrative and partly in essays that clarify long term changes he avoids stereotypes and rejects such old and new historical orthodoxies as the persistent weakness of the byzantine economy and the pervasive importance of holy men in late antiquity without neglecting underlying social cultural and economic trends the author

shows the often crucial impact of nearly a hundred byzantine emperors and empresses what the emperor or empress did or did not do could rapidly confront ordinary byzantines with economic ruin new religious doctrines or conquest by a foreign power much attention is also paid to the complex life of the court and bureaucracy that has given us the adjective byzantine the major personalities include such famous names as constantine justinian theodora and heraclius along with lesser known figures like constans ii irene basil ii the bulgar slayer and michael viii palaeologus byzantine civilization emerges as durable creative and realistic overcoming repeated setbacks to remain prosperous almost to the end with 221 illustrations and 18 maps a history of the byzantine state and society should long remain the standard history of byzantium not just for students and scholars but for all readers fluently written for the general reader los angeles times book review though several others have recently assayed to cover the complex history of the eastern roman empire none has done so as completely and satisfactorily as treadgold libraries culture

long after rome fell to the germanic tribes its culture lived on in constantinople the glittering capital of the byzantine empire for more than 1000 years ad 330 1453 byzantium was one of the most advanced and complex civilisations the world had ever seen as the mediterranean outlet for the silk route its trade networks stretched from scandinavia to sri lanka its artists created sombre icons and brilliant gold mosaics its scholarship served as a vital cultural bridge between the muslim east and the catholic west and it fostered the orthodox christianity that is the faith of millions today this book shows the innovative art that inspired french kings and arab emirs it includes a gazetteer of historic byzantine sites and monuments that travellers can visit today in greece italy turkey and the middle east a chronology of byzantine history and a list of emperors complete this ideal resource for the student traveller or generally curious reader

a captivating account of the legendary empire that made western civilization possible byzantium the name evokes grandeur and exoticism gold cunning and complexity in this unique book judith herrin unveils the riches of a quite different civilization avoiding a standard chronological account of the byzantine empire's millennium long history she identifies the fundamental questions about byzantium what it was and what special significance it holds for us today bringing the latest scholarship to a general audience in accessible prose herrin focuses each short chapter around a representative theme event monument or historical figure and examines it within the full sweep of byzantine history from the foundation of constantinople the magnificent capital city built by constantine the great to its capture by the ottoman turks she argues that byzantium's crucial role as the

eastern defender of christendom against muslim expansion during the early middle ages made europe and the modern western world possible herrin captivates us with her discussions of all facets of byzantine culture and society she walks us through the complex ceremonies of the imperial court she describes the transcendent beauty and power of the church of hagia sophia as well as chariot races monastic spirituality diplomacy and literature she reveals the fascinating worlds of military usurpers and ascetics eunuchs and courtesans and artisans who fashioned the silks icons ivories and mosaics so readily associated with byzantine art an innovative history written by one of our foremost scholars byzantium reveals this great civilization s rise to military and cultural supremacy its spectacular destruction by the fourth crusade and its revival and final conquest in 1453

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according to history books the roman empire ended in 476 ce with the fall of rome but if you asked most people alive at that time they would have pointed you to what they considered the continuation of the roman empire the civilization we now call the byzantine empire the byzantines however were more than just a remnant of roman glory at its geographical peak the byzantine empire stretched out across the mediterranean world culturally the byzantines both preserved the knowledge of the classical world much of which was lost in the west and added to it inside you will read about a divided empire the fall of the west rising to glory an age of war the destruction of icons the house of macedon the comnenian revival the final decline and much more shaped by its classical roots its christian religion and the changing medieval world the story of the byzantine empire is one of both glorious victories and terrible defeats of a civilization that rose from the brink of destruction again and again and of the development of a culture whose vestiges remain today

succinctly traces the byzantine empire s thousand year course with emphasis on political development and social aesthetic economic and ecclesiastical factors

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jonathan harris new edition of the choice outstanding academic title constantinople provides an updated and extended introduction to the history of byzantium and its capital city accessible and engaging the book breaks new ground by exploring constantinople s mystical dimensions and examining the relationship between the spiritual and political in the city this second edition includes a range of new material such as historiographical

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this new edition of byzantium and the crusades provides a fully revised and updated version of jonathan harris s landmark text in the field of byzantine and crusader history the book offers a chronological exploration of byzantium and the outlook of its rulers during the time of the crusades it argues that one of the main keys to byzantine interaction with western europe the crusades and the crusader states can be found in the nature of the byzantine empire and the ideology which underpinned it rather than in any generalised hostility between the peoples taking recent scholarship into account this new edition includes an updated notes section and bibliography as well as significant additions to the text new material on the role of religious differences after 1100 a detailed discussion of economic social and religious changes that took place in 12th century byzantine relations with the west in depth coverage of byzantium and the crusades during the 13th century new maps illustrations genealogical tables and a timeline of key dates byzantium and the crusades is an important contribution to the historiography by a major scholar in the field that should be read by anyone interested in byzantine and crusader history

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