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The Roman war machine comprised land and naval forces. Although the former has been studied extensively, less has been written and understood about the naval forces of the Roman Empire. Britain's navy, known as Classis Britannica until the mid-third century, was a strong fighting force in

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its own right. Its vessel types, personnel, tactics, roles and technology have never been studied in depth. Here in Sea Eagles of Empire Simon Elliott explores the story of this famed naval force, through the reigns of several Roman emperors, discussing the important role it played in military campaigns all across Europe and in policing the waters of the Roman Empire in Britain. Military History Monthly Book of

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the Year Gold Award
winner 2017.

*Built around AD122,
Hadrian's Wall was
guarded by the Roman
army for over three
centuries and has left
an indelible mark on the
landscape of northern
Britain. It was a wonder
of the ancient world and
is a World Heritage
Site. Written by a
leading archaeologist
who has excavated widely
on the Wall, this is an
authoritative yet
accessible treatment of
the archaeological*

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evidence. The book explains why the expansion of the Roman empire ground to a halt in remote northern Britain, how the Wall came to be built and the purpose it was intended to serve. It is not a guidebook to the remains, but an introduction to the Wall and the soldiers and civilians, men, women and children, who once peopled the abandoned ruins visited by tourists today. Contents include: Historical

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background to the Wall;

How the Wall was built

and its appearance on

completion; The history

of the Wall from Hadrian

to the end of Roman

Britain; The purpose of

the Wall. This

introduction to

Hadrian's Wall, the most

impressive and famous

physical reminder of

Britain's Roman past,

will be of great

interest to all students

and keen amateurs of

Roman history,

archaeology and general

history, and is

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profusely illustrated throughout with 60 colour and 30 black & white photographs and 10 Maps.

The Romans tried to conquer Scotland three times 2000 years ago. These forays have left their mark, which can still be seen in the form of earthworks - the remains of forts and frontiers constructed by the army. This study shows the effect of these periods of occupation on Scotland and its people.

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Ancient authors
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emphasize dramatic moments in the life of Julia Domna, wife of Roman emperor Septimius Severus (193–211). They accuse her of ambition unforgivable in a woman, of instigating civil war to place her sons on the throne, and of resorting to incest to maintain her hold on power. In imperial propaganda, however, Julia Domna was honored with unprecedented titles that celebrated her maternity, whether it

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was in the role of
mother to her two sons
(both future emperors)
or as the metaphorical
mother to the empire.
Imperial propaganda even
equated her to the great
mother goddess, Cybele,
endowing her with a
public prominence well
beyond that of earlier
imperial women. Her
visage could be found
gracing everything from
state-commissioned art
to privately owned ivory
dolls. In *Maternal
Megalomania*, Julie
Langford unmasks the

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maternal titles and honors of Julia Domna as a campaign on the part of the administration to garner support for Severus and his sons. Langford looks to numismatic, literary, and archaeological evidence to reconstruct the propaganda surrounding the empress. She explores how her image was tailored toward different populations, including the military, the Senate, and the people of Rome, and how these

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populations responded to
propaganda about the
empress. She employs
Julia Domna as a case
study to explore the
creation of ideology
between the emperor and
its subjects.

The Makers of Scotland
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IX Hispana?

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In Search of Ancient
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North Africa

Maternal Megalomania

*This is a dual biography
of the emperors Marcus
Antonius Gordianus*

*('Gordian III', reigned
238-244) and Marcus*

Julius Philippus

*Augustus ('Philip the
Arab', reigned 244-249),*

*focusing mainly on the
political and military*

events during this

*crucial stage of the
'Third Century Crisis'.*

*The tumultuous 'Year of
the Six Emperors' saw
Gordian raised to the*

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purple at just thirteen years of age, becoming the youngest emperor in the Empire's history at a time when the borders were threatened by the powerful Sassanid Persians and the Goths, among others. Gordian died on a campaign against the Persians, either in battle or possibly murdered by his own men. Philip, succeeded Gordian, made peace with Shapur I and returned to Italy. His reign encompassed the spectacular celebration

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of Rome's millennium in
248 but the wars in the

Balkans and East

together with crippling
taxation led to mutinies

and rebellions. Philip

and his brother had

until then fought

successfully against the

Persians and others but

this did not save

Philip, who was killed

by a usurper's forces at

the Battle of Verona in

249. He had been Rome's

first Christian emperor

and the author considers

why it was fifty years

before she had another.

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Between AD 161 and 244 the Roman legions were involved in wars and battles on a scale not seen since the late Republic. Legions were destroyed in battle, disbanded for mutiny and rebellion and formed to wage wars of conquest and defence. This volume explores the experience of the imperial legionary, concentrating on Legio II Parthica. Raised by the emperor Septimus Severus in AD 193/4, it was based at Albanum near Rome and as

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the emperor's personal
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legion, became one of
the most important units
in the empire.

At the peak of Rome's
might a dragon is born
among eagles, an heir to
a line both blessed and
cursed by the Gods for
ages. Lucius Metellus
Anguis is a young
warrior who is inspired
by the deeds of his
glorious ancestors and
burdened by the
knowledge that he must
raise his family name
from the ashes of the
past. Having achieved a

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*measure of success in
the Emperor's Legions in
North Africa, Lucius is
recalled to Rome where
he finds himself
surrounded by enemies,
cast into the deadly
arena of Roman politics.
Amid growing fears of
treachery, Lucius meets
a young Athenian woman
who fills his darkening
world with new-found
hope. Their love grows,
as does their belief
that the Gods have
planned their meeting
but when an ancient
oracle of Apollo utters*

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a terrifying prophecy
regarding his future,

Lucius' world is once
more thrown into chaos.
Ultimately, he must
choose sides in a war
that threatens to
destroy his family, his
faith and all that he
has worked for. Children
of Apollo is the second
novel in Adam Alexander
Haviaras' ground-
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Dragons historical
fantasy series. If you
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Jackson, Manda Scott,
and Marion Zimmer

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smooth skill. The world

of third-century

Rome—both the city and

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its African outposts—is colorfully vivid here,

and Haviaras manages to

invest even his

secondary and tertiary

characters with

believable, three-

dimensional humanity.”

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fun read, this is the

book for you!” “An

outstanding and

compelling novel!” “I

would add this author to

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some of the great historical writers such as Conn Iggulden, Simon Scarrow and David Gemmell. The characters were described in such a way that it was easy to picture them as if they were real and have lived in the past, the book flowed with an ease that any reader, novice to advanced can enjoy and become fully immersed..." Goodreads: "... a very entertaining read; Haviaras has both a fluid writing style, and a good eye for

Download Free Septimius Severus In Scotland The Northern Campaigns Of The historical detail, and explores in far more

detail the faith of the average Roman than do most authors." Epinions: "Well written historical drama with an eye for detail... I can't wait for the next book...

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This biography of the Roman Emperor Caracalla challenges his tyrannical reputation with a revealing

Download Free Septimius Severus In Scotland The Northern Campaigns Of The narrative of his social reforms and military campaigns. Caracallahas one of the worst reputations of any Roman Emperor. Many ancient historians were very hostile, and the 18th century English historian Edward Gibbon even dubbed him the common enemy of mankind. Yet his reign was considered by at least one Roman author to be the apogee of the Roman Empire. He was guilty of many murders and massacres—including that

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of his own brother, ex-
wife and daughter. Yet
he instituted the
Antonine Constitution,
granting citizenship to
all free men in the
Empire. He was also
popular with the army,
improving their pay and
cultivating the image of
sharing their hardships.
Historian Ilkka Syvanne
explains how the biased
ancient sources in
combination with the
stern looking statues of
the emperor have created
a distorted image of the
man. He then

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reconstructs a
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*chronology of
Caracalla's reign,
focusing on his military
campaigns and reforms,
to offer a balanced view
of his legacy. Caracalla
offers the first
complete overview of the
policies, events and
conflicts he oversaw and
explains how and why
these contributed to the
military crisis of the
third century.*

*The Rise and Fall of
Rome's Imperial
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*Luftwaffe Night Pilot in
World War II*

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Villas, Churches, and
Antiquities of Rome and
the Campagna*

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Beyond the Empire

Septimus Severus was descended
from Phoenician settlers in
Tripolitania, North Africa and was
emperor of Rome AD 193-211.
Using archaeological discoveries

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from the 1960s onwards, together with literary sources, the author shows how African and Roman this man was and explores the meaning of his background and career.

Since antiquity, Roman architecture and planning have inspired architects and designers. In this volume, Diane Favro and Fikret Yeg ü l offer a comprehensive history and analysis of the Roman built environment, emphasizing design and planning aspects of buildings and streetscapes. They explore the dynamic evolution and dissemination of architectural ideas, showing how local influences and technologies were incorporated across the vast Roman territory.

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They also consider how Roman construction and engineering expertise, as well as logistical proficiency, contributed to the making of bold and exceptional spaces and forms. Based on decades of first-hand examinations of ancient sites throughout the Roman world, from Britain to Syria, the authors give close accounts of many sites no longer extant or accessible. Written in a lively and accessible manner, *Roman Architecture and Urbanism* affirms the enduring attractions of Roman buildings and environments and their relevance to a global view of architecture. It will appeal to readers interested in the classical world and the history of architecture

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and urban design, as well as wide range of academic fields. With 835 illustrations including numerous new plans and drawings as well as digital renderings.

At the peak of Rome's might, a dragon is born among eagles, an heir to a line both blessed and cursed by the Gods for ages.

Emperor Septimius Severus ' war against the Caledonians has ended with a peace treaty. Rome has won. As a reward for the blood they have shed, many of Rome ' s warriors have been granted a reprieve from duty, including Lucius Metellus Anguis, prefect of the now famous Sarmatian cavalry. The Gods seem finally to have granted Lucius a

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peaceful life as he builds a new home for his family upon an ancient hillfort in the south of Britannia.

Lucius now finds that, after years of war and brutality, the most elusive peace, the peace within, is finally within his grasp. But heroes are never without enemies, and Lucius, Rome ' s famed Dragon, has many. After an argument with traitorous local politicians, and a quest in which he is confronted by a dark goddess, Lucius realizes that his pastoral idyll is at an end. When war erupts in Caledonia once more, he is called away only to be assaulted on all fronts by his most deadly enemy. The choices presented to Lucius by the Gods, his allies, and his friends

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are clear and terrifying. He can hand victory and power over to the wickedest men in the Empire, or he can fight for his life to create the world he believes in. Will Lucius ' enemies and the powers of darkness overwhelm and destroy him? Or will he find the strength to survive the trials he faces and protect the people he loves? This time, not even the Gods know... Isle of the Blessed is the fourth book in Adam Alexander Haviaras ' #1 bestselling Eagles and Dragons historical fantasy series. Fans of Marion Zimmer Bradley, David Gemmell, and Bernard Cornwell will love this ground-breaking series that combines accurate historical detail

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with ancient religion and elements of fantasy. Step into the world of the Roman Empire today!

Though Scotland was never successfully conquered by the Roman Empire, the lands north of Hadrian's Wall nonetheless include many Roman sites that bear witness to Rome's attempts to impose her will over the whole of Britain.

Beyond the Empire offers a complete listing of all 330 known Roman sites in Scotland, including location maps, details of notable archaeological finds, what is visible on the ground, and how to visit them. A complete guide to the hidden remains of the Roman Empire in Scotland. Will be of great

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interest to all historians,
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maps. Andrew Tibbs is a Fellow of
the Society of Antiquaries of
Scotland

The Romans in Scotland

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Isle of the Blessed

The Great Illyrian Revolt

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A History in Six Lives

This is the only fully illustrated military life of the Emperor Publius Licinius Egnatius Gallienus (253-268). Considered the most blatantly military man of all of the soldier emperors of the third century, Gallienus is the emperor in Harry Sidebottom's best-selling Warrior of Rome novels. Gallienus faced more simultaneous usurpations and foreign invasions than any other emperor, but somehow he managed to survive. Dr. Ilkka Syvanne explains how this was possible. It was largely thanks to the untiring efforts of

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Gallienus that the Roman Empire survived for another 1,200 years. Gallienus was a notorious libertarian, womanizer, and cross-dresser, but he was also a fearless warrior, duellist and general all at the same time. This monograph explains why he was loved by the soldiers, yet so intensely hated by some officers that they killed him in a conspiracy. The year 2018 is the 1,800th anniversary of Gallienus' date of birth and the 1,750th anniversary of his date of death. The Reign of Gallienus celebrates the life and times of this great man.

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In the year AD 9, three Roman legions were crushed by the German warlord Arminius in the Battle of the Teutoburg Forest. This event is well-known, but there was another uprising that Rome faced shortly before, which lasted from AD 6 to 9, and was just as intense. This rebellion occurred in the western Balkans (an area roughly corresponding to modern Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovenia, Montenegro and parts of Serbia and Albania) and it tested the Roman Empire to its limits. For three years, fifteen legions fought in the narrow valleys and

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forest-covered crags of the Dinaric Mountains in a ruthless war of attrition against an equally ruthless and determined foe, and yet this conflict is largely unknown today. *The Great Illyrian Revolt* is believed to be the first book ever devoted to this forgotten war of the Roman Empire. Within its pages, we examine the history and culture of the mysterious Illyrian people, the story of how Rome became involved in this volatile region, and what the Roman army had to face during those harrowing three years in the Balkans. Explore the battle at the edge of the world: did the

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The son of a former slave, Pertinax was the Roman Emperor who proved that no matter how lowly your birth, you could rise to the very top through hard work, grit and determination. Born in AD 126, he made a late career change from working as a grammar teacher to a position in the army. As he moved up the ranks and further along the aristocratic *cursus honorum*, he took on many of the most important postings in the Empire, from senior military roles in fractious Britain, the Marcomannic Wars on the Danube, to the Parthian Wars

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in the east. He held governorships in key provinces, and later consulships in Rome itself. When Emperor Commodus was assassinated on New Year's Eve AD 192/193, the Praetorian Guard alighted on Pertinax to become the new Emperor, expecting a pliable puppet who would favour them with great wealth. But Pertinax was nothing of the sort and when he then attempted to reform the Guard, he was assassinated. His death triggered the beginning of the Year of the Five Emperors from which Septimius Severus, Pertinax's former mentoree, became the ultimate victor

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and founder of the Severan Dynasty. This previously untold story brings a fascinating and important figure out of the shadows. A self made everyman, a man of principle and ambition, a role model respected by his contemporaries who styled himself on his philosophizing predecessor and sometime champion Marcus Aurelius, Pertinax's remarkable story offers a unique and panoramic insight into the late 2nd century AD Principate Empire.

An unputdownable novel of Roman adventure

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The Classis Britannica and
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Imperial Roman Legionary AD
161-284

Understanding Roman

Inscriptions

A New History of the Picts

Severus

Lawrence Keppie's book offers the non-specialist a comprehensive and enjoyable guide to understanding the texts of Roman inscriptions, as well as explaining the numerous different contexts in which they were produced. Every area of Roman life is covered, including: * the emperor * temples and altars to the gods * imperial administration * gravestones and tomb monuments * local government and society * the army and the frontiers * Christianity * trade, commerce and the economy * the

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later Roman Empire. For each inscription cited, the book provides the original Latin, an English translation and a commentary on the piece's significance. Illustrated with more than 80 photos and drawings, this is the ideal introduction to the most important source for the history and organisation of the Roman Empire.

"Ancient Scotland, then occupied by Celtic settlers, never became part of the Roman empire, in spite of being invaded on what is now accepted as four, rather than three, occasions. The northernmost frontier of the empire was fortified for only a few years after the battle of Mons Graupius in AD 84, when the Caledonians were defeated by

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Gnaeus Julius Agricola. An alternative frontier, represented by the elaborate defences of the Antonine Wall, was built in about 142. It was maintained hardly longer than 25 years, and by 180 the Roman invaders had retreated back to Hadrian's Wall. After further Celtic activity, a temporary truce was negotiated personally by the emperor Septimius Severus in 209. Thereafter, until their empire began to collapse, the Romans maintained a fragile hold on Hadrian's Wall in the face of furious attacks by marauding Picts and Scots, and a combined operation by land and sea in 367 against the whole of Roman Britain, by the northern Celts in an alliance with the Franks and

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For forty years, Barnaby Rogerson has travelled across North Africa, making sense of the region's complex and fascinating history as both a writer and a guide. Throughout that time there have always been a handful of stories he could not pin into neat, tidy narratives; stories that were not distinctly good or bad, tragic or pathetic, selfish or heroic, malicious or noble. This book, neither a work of history nor travel writing, is a journey into the ruins of a landscape in an attempt to make sense of those stories through the lives of six historical figures, five men and one woman: A sacrificial refugee (Queen Dido); a prisoner of war who became a compliant tool of

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the Roman Empire (King Juba II); an unpromising provincial who, as Emperor, brought the Roman Empire to its dazzling apogee (Septimius Severus); an intellectual careerist who became a bishop and a saint (St Augustine); the greatest general the world has ever known (Hannibal); and the Berber Cavalry General who eventually defeated him (Masinissa). All six of these lives are surrounded with as much myth as fact, but the destinies of these North African figures remain highly relevant today. Their descendants are faced with many of the same choices: Should you stay pure to your own culture and fight against the power of the West, or should you study and assimilate to this

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other culture, and utilize its skills? Will it greet you as an ally only to own you as a slave? In between these life stories, Rogerson explores the ruins of ancient sites, which tell their own tales, and reveals the multiple interconnections that bind the culture of this region with the wider world, particularly the spiritual traditions of the ancient Near East.

The assassination of Emperor Commodus in 192 sparked a civil war. Septimius Severus emerged as the eventual victor and his dynasty (the Severans) ruled until 235. He fought numerous campaigns, against both internal rivals and external enemies, extending the Empire to the east (adding Mesopotamia), the south

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(in Africa) and the north (beyond Hadrian's Wall). The military aspects of his reign, including his reforms of the army, are the main focus of this new study. After discussing his early career and governorship of Pannonia, Michael Sage narrates his war with Pescennius Niger, the siege of Byzantium, and the campaign in northern Mesopotamia that added it as a province. The much more difficult campaign against Clodius Albinus in Gaul is also studied in detail, as is that in North Africa. The narrative concludes with an account of the last campaign in Britain and Severus' death. The final chapters analyze Septimius' reforms of the army and assess their impact on events of the next seventy years until the accession

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of Diocletian. His greatest weakness was his love for his family. Like Marcus Aurelius he loved his children too much. They failed to maintain what he had bequeathed them.

Warriors of Epona

Gladius

Praetorian

Ancient Greeks at War

Emperor's Sword

The Reign of Emperor Gallienus

The Roman wall

At the peak of Rome's might a dragon is born among eagles, an heir to a line both blessed and cursed by the Gods for ages.

"The enemy bomber grew larger in my sights and the rear gunner was sprayed by my

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guns just as he opened fire. The rest was merely a matter of seconds. The bomber fell like a stone out of the sky and exploded on the ground. The nightmare came to an end."In this enthralling memoir, the author recounts his experiences of the war years and traces the story of the ace fighter pilots from the German development of radar to the Battle of Britain. Johnen flew his first operational mission in July 1941, having completed his blind-flying training. In his first couple of years he brought down two enemy planes. The tally went up rapidly once the air war was escalated in spring

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1943, when Air Marshal Arthur
Harris of the RAF Bomber

Command began the campaign
dubbed the Battle of the
Ruhr. During this phase of the
war Johnens successes were
achieved against a 710-strong
force of bombers. Johnens
further successes during
Harriss subsequent Berlin
offensive led to his promotion
as Staffelfkapitan (squadron
leader) of
Nachtjagdgeschwader and a
move to Mainz. During a sortie
from there, his Bf 110 was hit
by return fire and he was
forced to land in Switzerland.
He and his crew were interned
by the authorities. The

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Germans were deeply worried about leaving a sophisticatedly equipped night fighter and its important air crew in the hands of a foreign government, even if it was a neutral one. After negotiations involving Gring, the prisoners were released. Johnens unit moved to Hungary and by October 1944 his score was standing at 33 aerial kills. His final one came in March the following year, once Johnen had moved back to Germany.

Shortlisted for the 2009 Saltire Society History Book of the Yea. rFrom Caledonia to Pictland examines the transformation of Iron Age

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northern Britain into a land of Christian kingdoms, long before 'Scotland' came into existence. Perched at the edge of the western Roman Empire, northern Britain was not unaffected by the experience, and became swept up in the great tide of processes which gave rise to the early medieval West. Like other places, the country experienced social and ethnic metamorphoses, Christianisation, and colonization by dislocated outsiders, but northern Britain also has its own unique story to tell in the first eight centuries AD. This book is the first detailed political history to

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treat these centuries as a single period, with due regard for Scotland's position in the bigger story of late Antique transition. From Caledonia to Pictland charts the complex and shadowy processes which saw the familiar Picts, Northumbrians, North Britons and Gaels of early Scottish history become established in the country, the achievements of their foremost political figures, and their ongoing links with the world around them. It is a story that has become much revised through changing trends in scholarly approaches to the challenging evidence, and that

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A desolate wasteland. A mission gone wrong. An impossible goal. A gripping new series of Ancient Rome Roman scout Silus is deep behind enemy lines in Caledonia. As he spies on a raiding party, he is abruptly discovered by an enemy chief and his son. Mounting a one man ambush, everything quickly goes wrong. Silus must run for his life, the head of the enemy leader in his hands. Little does he know the price he will pay... As Silus is inducted into the Arcani, an

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elite faction of assassins and spies, he must return to Caledonia, back into the wilderness, and risk everything in the service of his Caesar. The odds don't look good. Failure is not an option. A blood-soaked and unputdownable Roman thriller, anchored in detailed historical research, perfect for fans of Ben Kane, Conn Iggulden and Robert Fabbri Praise for Alex Gough 'Gritty and real, exciting and pacy, this is first rate historical fiction, and Gough is clearly ready to take his place among the leading writers of the genre' SJA Turney, author of the Praetorian series

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but also as powerful political
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wars between the Antigonid Macedonian, Seleucid and Ptolemaic kingdoms, and later the onset of the clash of cultures between the rising power of Rome in the west and the Hellenistic kingdoms. In the long run the latter proved unable to match Rome's insatiable desire for conquest in the eastern Mediterranean, and this together with the rise of Parthia in the east ensured that one by one the Hellenistic kingdoms and states fell. The book ends with the destruction of Corinth in 146 BC after the defeat by Rome of the Achaean League. The conclusion considers the

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