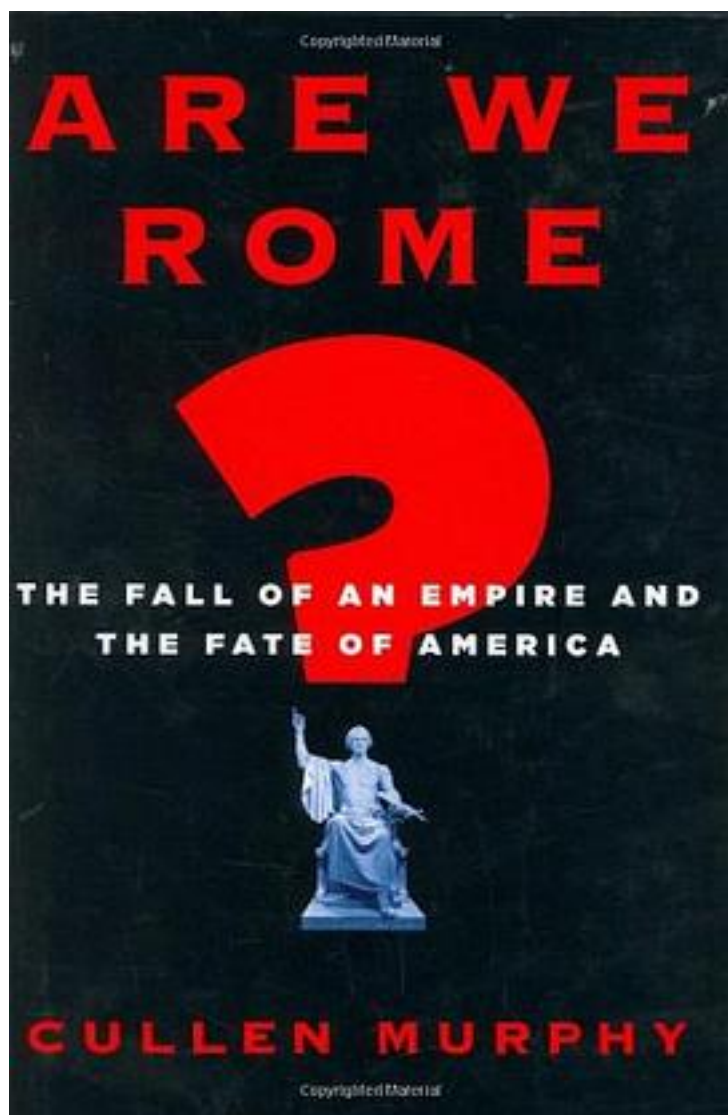


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The rise and fall of ancient Rome has been on American minds from the beginning of our Republic. Today, we focus less on the Roman Republic than on the Empire that took its place. Depending on whos doing the talking, the history of Rome serves either as a triumphal call to action, or a dire warning of imminent collapse. Esteemed editor and author Cullen Murphy ventures past the pundits rhetoric to draw nuanced lessons about how we might avoid Romes demise. Murphy reveals a wide array of similarities between the two empires: the blinding, insular culture of our capitals; the debilitating effect of corruption; the paradoxical issue of borders; and the weakening of the body politic through various forms of privatization. Most pressingly, he argues that we most resemble Rome in the burgeoning corruption of our government and in our arrogant ignorance of the world outsidetwo things that are in our power to change.

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