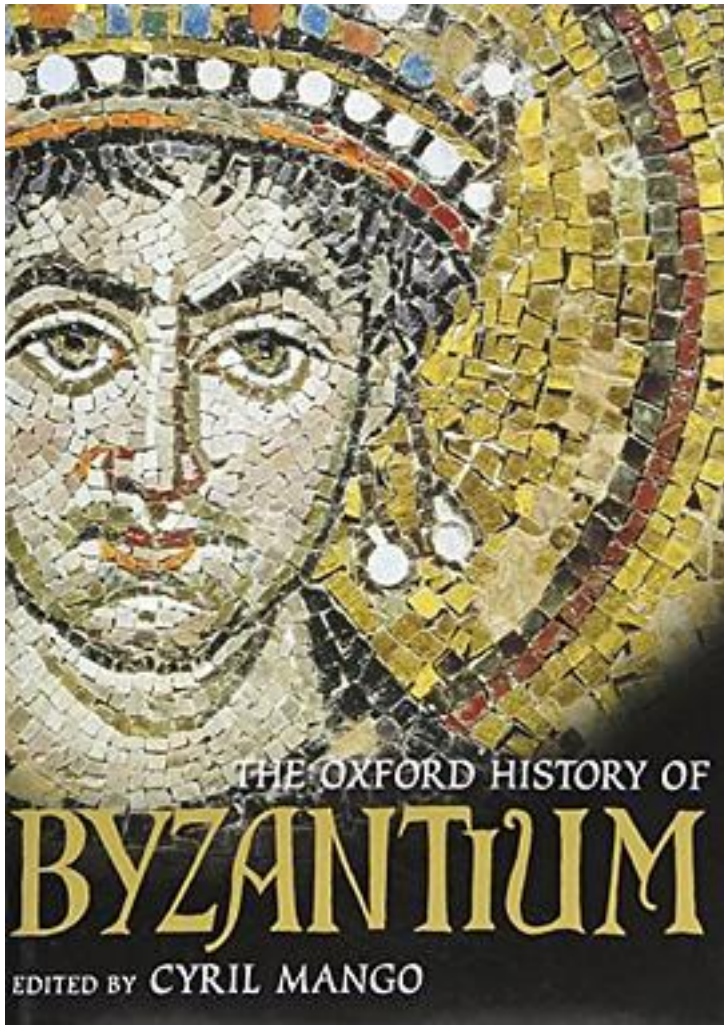


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The Oxford History of Byzantium is the only history to provide in concise form detailed

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 Romaioi, 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'.

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书评

对拜占庭史做了概要的介绍，其中社会史和文化史的比例较高；但是翻译质量不太好，我个菜鸟都一口气找出十几条错误。试举一例： 346页 His blinding of John IV immediately unleashed critiques of the legitimacy of his rule—in the capital, Patriarch Arsenios responded ...

我要下调对此书的评价，并且不建议爱好者购买了，翻译错误实在太多了……而且是越往后翻译越差，最后两章翻得错误极多，还有脱漏没翻译的。附的年表错误超过二十处，索引编排极差，大量脱漏未翻译，而且和页码无法对应。为了表示诚意，有需要的同好可以留下邮箱，我可发一份年...

这本书涉及了拜占庭的各个方面，除了主要历史脉络，君士坦丁堡基督教教会，还有一

些历史书通常涉及的领域。作者态度严谨，要求资料详尽，也因此搞得书很难读，不合作为了解拜占庭历史的入门书，需要对这段时期的历史有相当的了解，才能以这本书作为继续。基督教和教会部分， ...

《牛津拜占庭史》跟之前介紹的《牛津古羅馬史》是同一系列的，同樣是邀請同領域的各個學者來一起編撰，不過這本較為不同的是主編者的存在感鮮明。主線是敘述拜占庭國家政治史的，每章後面再穿插些補充時代背景的社會、經濟跟文化的論述，是個不錯的作法。不過，如果說是缺點...

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