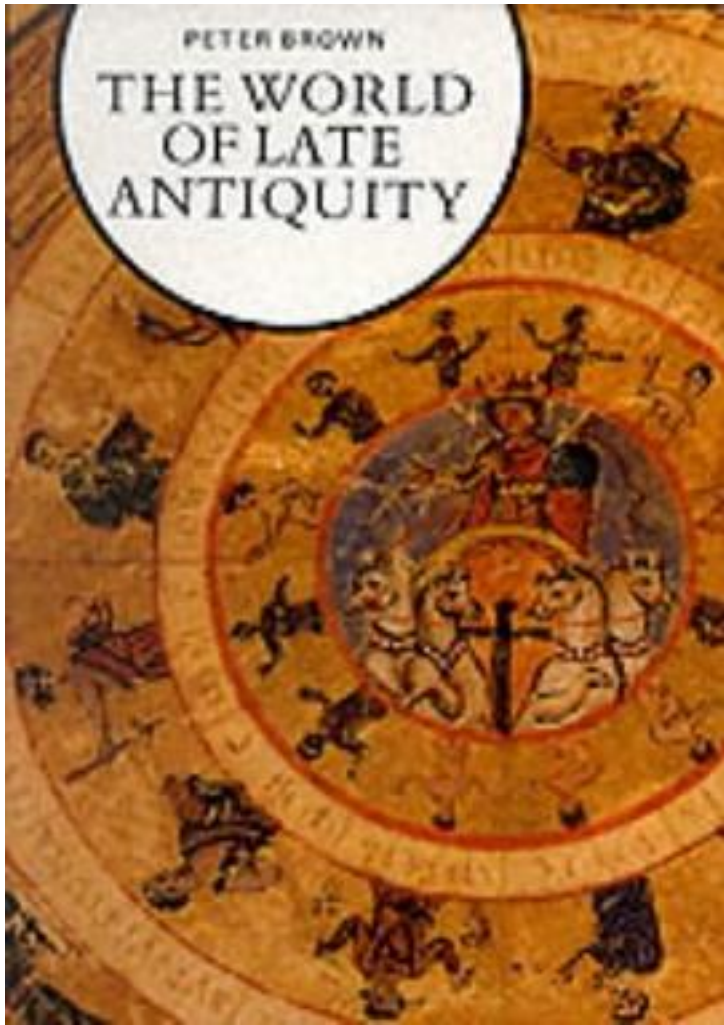


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This remarkable study in social and cultural change explains how and why the Late

Antique world, between c.150 and c.750 A.D., came to differ from 'Classical civilization'. These centuries, as the author demonstrates, were the era in which the most deep-rooted of ancient institutions disappeared for all time. By 476 the Roman empire had vanished from western Europe; by 655 the Persian empire had vanished from the Near East.

The result is a lucid answer to a crucial question in world history; how the exceptionally homogeneous Mediterranean world of c. 200 A.D. became divided into the three mutually estranged societies of the Middle Ages: Catholic Western Europe, Byzantium, and Islam. We still live with the results of these contrasts.

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unbelievable contempt for Roman military power and civil admin., almost celebrating the fall of the Empire as "making way for" the Catholic Church and the barbarians, Europe's future masters. Violently disagree with the book's bias.

Remains an engaging introduction 40 years after its first publication. But needs to be read with constant vigilance.

very insightful.

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好书。Late Antiquity的奠基之作。Peter Brown在本书中聚焦公元3世纪末到7世纪初的社会史与宗教史，并且随着章节的发展展现出了这个时代重心的东移：Rome-Constantinople-Damascus，从而体现了（西）罗马帝国-（东）罗马帝国-波斯帝国-阿拉伯帝国的继承与流变。西欧的讨论缺失是一大问题，全书读完也有一点点hindsight的感觉。因为研究时段比较长、范围广、偏重分析而非叙事，不太适合新人读。Late Antiquity到现在也有很多成果了，不过返回来看看早期研究也挺有趣的。很多论点依然不过时。8.7。

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