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“In his engagingly conversational, often humorous, and lavishly illustrated text, Tuck approaches the multifaceted role of Roman art as visual communication that was essential to governing a vast and diverse empire. Contextually-oriented and informed by current scholarly debates, the book encourages students to appreciate not only Roman visual culture but also how we write its history.” –*Elaine Gazda, University of Michigan*

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“This book provides an accessible overview of Roman art, drawing on the most recent developments in Roman archaeology and art history. Elegantly written and exquisitely illustrated, it also tackles questions of modern reception, collection and ownership of the Roman artistic heritage. This is both an invaluable introduction for students and a go-to reference work for scholars.” –*J.C.N. Coulston, University of St. Andrews*

“Steven L. Tuck’s book offers a fresh, fast-paced and abundantly illustrated narrative of Roman art, from its Etruscan beginnings to the emergence of early Christian art. Tuck’s survey is a great starting point for students and all those making first contact with the art and architecture of ancient Rome.” –*Björn C. Ewald, University of Toronto*

“Tuck gives an excellent introduction to Roman art. Accessible and engaging, this book covers key monuments and objects, while also providing useful discussions of historical context, scholarly debate and contemporary response. I recommend it.” –*Zahra Newby, University of Warwick*

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### About the Author

**Steven L. Tuck** is Professor and Chair of Classics at Miami University. In 2012, he received the E. Phillips Knox award, Miami University's highest honor for innovative and effective undergraduate teaching. He is the author of *Latin Inscriptions in the Kelsey Museum: The Dennison and De Criscio Collections* (2006).

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