

ROME RESEARCH GUIDE

BOOKS

For Beginners

Simon James, *Ancient Rome* (Eyewitness Books) (illustrated)
Duncan Hill, *Ancient Rome* (illustrated)
David Potter, *Emperors of Rome* (illustrated)
Ada Gabucci, *Ancient Rome: Art, Architecture and History* (illustrated)

Intermediate

Lesley Adkins, *Handbook to Life in Ancient Rome (reference guide) (illustrated)*
Tom Holland, *Rubicon: The Last Years of the Roman Republic*
Christopher Kelly, *The Roman Empire: A Very Short Introduction*
Tim Cornell, *The Roman World* (The Cultural Atlas of the World series) (illustrated)
Florence Dupont, *Daily Life in Ancient Rome*
Michael Grant, *The Founders of the Western World*
Michael Grant, *Julius Caesar*
Michael Grant, *Cleopatra*
Norman F. Cantor, *Antiquity*
D. Brendan Nagle, *The Ancient World (university undergraduate textbook)*

Advanced

Moses Hadas, *A History of Rome*
Michael Grant, *The Army of the Caesars*

Recent Parallels

Timothy Synder, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*
Madeleine Albright, *Fascism: A Warning*
Niall Ferguson, *Civilization: The West and the Rest*
Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World*

NOVELS

Rosemary Sutcliff, *The Eagle of the Ninth (adventure in Roman Britain)*

Ruth Downie, *Medicus (murder mystery featuring a doctor)*

Ian Ross, *War at the Edge of the World (Romans vs. Picts in England and Scotland)*

Robert Graves, *I, Claudius* (the bad emperors after Augustus Caesar)

ROMAN HISTORY FILM LIST

All of these films have some minor or even serious historical flaws. Nevertheless, they are worth watching. For analysis of each, check on Wikipedia.

Wikipedia provides a "List of films set in ancient Rome" with a brief analysis of each item. There is also a list of books of fiction with Roman content.

The films are listed below in chronological order for Roman history.

Spartacus (1960)

Julius Caesar (1953)

Cleopatra (1963)

Rome (HBO TV series) (2005-2007)

Quo Vadis (1951)

The Fall of the Roman Empire (1964)

Gladiator (2000)

Centurion (2010)

Agora (2009)

King Arthur (2004)