

## The Roman History Reading Group — 2006 Calendar — Revised

January 4 & 18, February 1	<b>Rome and the Mediterranean</b> by Livy
February 15 & March 1	<b>Memoirs of Hadrian</b> by Marguerite Yourcenar
March 15 & April 5	<b>Sulla the Fortunate</b> by G.P. Baker
April 19	<b>Old Bones</b> by David Wishart
May 3, May 17 & June 7	<p><b>The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire</b> by Edward Gibbon (Abridged / Unabridged / Online)</p> <p><b>Chapters I to VII</b></p> <p>General geographical and social overview of the Roman Empire – <i>people might want to skip the second half of Chapter I as Gibbon naturally explains the geography in terms of 18th century countries, which can get confusing</i>; a quick quiz through the early history of the empire down to the death of Marcus Aurelius (180); then Gibbon takes us down to the Secular Games (248).</p> <p><b>Chapters VIII to XIII</b></p> <p>General overviews of the Persian Empire and the Barbarians; then Gibbon takes us down to the abdication and death of Diocletian (313).</p> <p><b>Chapters XIV to XVI plus the Vindication of Chapters XV and XVI</b></p> <p>From the abdication of Diocletian till Constantine becomes sole emperor (324); the history of Christianity down to its legalization.</p>
June 21 & July 5	<b>Pride of Carthage</b> by David Anthony Durham, now also available in e-book format.
July 19, September 6 & 20	<b>First Man in Rome</b> by Colleen McCullough
October 4	<b>Agricola</b> by Tacitus
October 4 & November 1	<p><b>Germania</b> by Tacitus</p> <p><b>The Barbarians Speak: How the Conquered Peoples Shaped Roman Europe</b> by Peter Wells</p>
November 1 & 15	<p><b>The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire</b> by Edward Gibbon (Abridged / Unabridged / Online)</p> <p><b>Chapters XVII to XXI</b></p> <p>Constantine and his family down to Julian's time in Gaul (359); religious controversies. <i>Some people might want to skip Chapter XXI, see below.</i></p>
December 6	<b>Bearkeeper's Daughter</b> by Gillian Bradshaw
December 13 (note date)	<b>Imperial Purple</b> by Gillian Bradshaw
January 3, 2007	<p><b>The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire</b> by Edward Gibbon (Abridged / Unabridged / Online)</p> <p><b>Chapters XXII to XXVI</b></p> <p>From Julian being declared emperor in Gaul down to Theodosius' defeat of the Goths (382). <i>The section on Julian is mainly a summary of Ammianus, whom we read, through the Julian novel, quite recently, so some people</i></p>

	<i>might want to do some judicious skipping here as well.</i>
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Note: Gibbon chapter descriptions by Bingley.

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