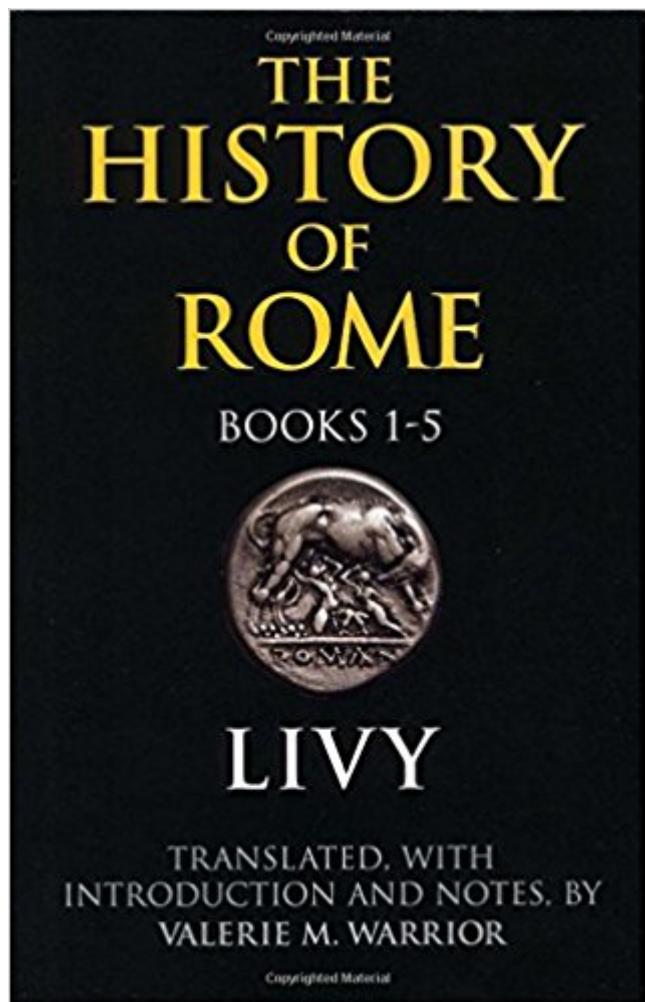


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Valerie M. Warrior is the author of *Roman Religion* (Cambridge University Press, 2006) and *The initiation of the Second Macedonian War: An Explication of Livy Book 31* (F. Steiner, 1996).

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