

The Romans Who Shaped Britain

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The sheer scale and diversity of Roman Britain has become increasingly apparent thanks to the recordings of finds in recent years, from temples and mosaic floors to spectacular hoards, such as the 52,000 coins found in Frome.

However, this book seeks to present the epic sweep of Britain's history through the lives of men and women; the emperors, governors and generals who commanded the legions and helped shape the landscape as well as the Britons who opposed them. It was their ambitions, aspirations and passions which contributed to the development of Roman Britain.

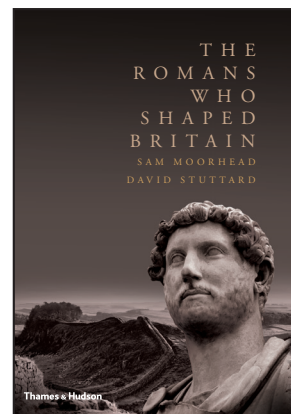
Among the rich cast of characters are: Julius Caesar desperately seeking a propaganda coup to boost his standing back in Roman; Hadrian, whose empire-wide policy of containment led him to build his wall, and Carausius, Magentius and Valentinus who are less familiar. Equally important were the native Britons: Cartimandua, queen of the Brigantes whose messy separation from her husband provoked a war; Prasutagus, king of the Iceni who failed to save his land from Roman greed, and Calgacus, leader of the Caledonians, who made his last defiant stand in the glens of Scotland.

Their lives and actions are set against the backdrop of an evolving landscape, in which Iron Age shrines were being replaced by marble temples, industrial-scale factories and granaries were springing up across the countryside and a triumphal arch towered into the Kent sky to mark Rome's domination.

The Romans Who Shaped Britain is a compelling and vivid portrayal of an important and exciting period in our history.

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