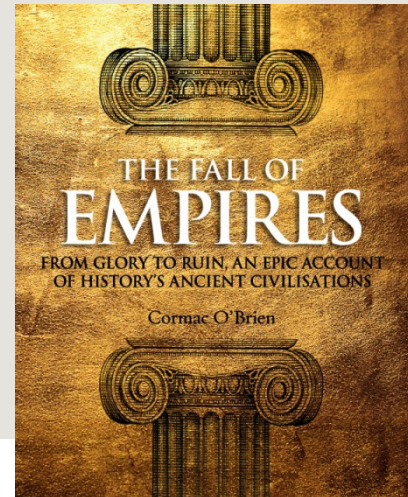


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Description

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Capturing the perils and pitfalls of power, from scheming priests and jealous aristocrats to military disasters on which the fate of millions could hang, this book makes for a varied and colorful look at some of the mighty states of antiquity from Mycenaean Greece to Han China and Parthian Asia.

Impeccably researched and featuring many colour photographs and drawings of locations and artifacts, this book offers a fresh, colourful look at the distant past and at the fascinating subject of imperial mortality.

Sales Points

- Blends military, political and social history in an evocative and engaging style that will appeal to history devotees and general readers alike
- Civilisations around the world are represented
- A clear, accessible design illustrated with photographs and paintings, evokes atmosphere and provides pictorial context for the stories

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