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her doing There are few women in history more fascinating than Catherine the Great and for the first time Susan Jaques brings her to life through the prism of art Catherine the Great Virginia Rounding, 2007-02-06 Dutiful daughter frustrated wife passionate lover domineering mother doting grandmother devoted friend tireless legislator generous patron of artists and philosophers the Empress Catherine II the Great was all these things and more Her reign the longest in Russian Imperial history lasted from 1762 until her death in 1796 during those years she built on the work begun by her most famous predecessor Peter the Great to establish Russia as a major European power and to transform its new capital St Petersburg into a city to rival Paris and London in the beauty of its architecture the glittering splendor of its Court and the magnificence of its art collections Yet the great Catherine was not even Russian by birth and had no legitimate claim to the Russian throne she seized it and held on to it through wars rebellions and plagues by the force of her personality by her charm and determination and by an unshakable belief in her own destiny This is the story of Catherine the woman whom power alone could never satisfy for she also wanted love affection friendship and humor She found these in letter writing in grandchildren in gardens architecture and greyhounds as well as in a succession of lovers which gave rise to salacious rumors throughout Europe The real Catherine however was more interesting than any rumor Using many of Catherine's own words from her voluminous correspondence and other documents as well as contemporary accounts by courtiers ambassadors and foreign visitors Virginia Rounding penetrates the character of this most powerful fascinating and surprisingly sympathetic of eighteenth century women **Museums in Motion** Juilee Decker, 2024-08-06 This book explores the histories and functions of museums while also looking at the current standing of museums and their ongoing efforts toward relevance resiliency and future proofing Section I examines the beginnings of museums with chapters dedicated to art and design museums natural history and anthropological museums science museums museums focused history and the past and gardens zoos and children s museums Emphasis is on museums in the United States with some historical framing beyond the U S Section II explores the primary functions of museums including conservation exhibition interpretation engagement and service Section III examines museums from within by exploring critical issues and contemporary movements facing museums and our society transparency and openness labor and equity belonging and coalition building risk taking and risk aversion and sustainability and empathy Advocating for change rather than death to museums Museums in Motion demonstrates the very premise that museums have been in motion all along as they have shifted from their rather simple form of a treasury storehouse and tomb to something much more complex by deeply considering where museums have come from where they are today and where they are going Entirely new to this edition Section III Museum Aspirations features five new chapters each centered around topics rather than a museum type or museum function Each topic is meant to be a micro narrative and springboard for a conversation about museums today and their sustainability in the future The chapters examine museums from the inside museum workers and their voices especially as well as power held by people and institutions and DEIA without using those

individual words as chapter headings On their own or in conjunction with the chapters in the previous sections of this book these chapters serve as vignettes that can help readers to understand where how and why we need to apply critical lenses to institutions and articulate how doing so helps us to understand this historical moment and ultimately how we can realize resiliency and sustainability for museums and those who make their existence possible The Scythians Barry Cunliffe, 2019-09-26 Brilliant horsemen and great fighters the Scythians were nomadic horsemen who ranged wide across the grasslands of the Asian steppe from the Altai mountains in the east to the Great Hungarian Plain in the first millennium BC Their steppe homeland bordered on a number of sedentary states to the south the Chinese the Persians and the Greeks and there were inevitably numerous interactions between the nomads and their neighbours The Scythians fought the Persians on a number of occasions in one battle killing their king and on another occasion driving the invading army of Darius the Great from the steppe Relations with the Greeks around the shores of the Black Sea were rather different both communities benefiting from trading with each other This led to the development of a brilliant art style often depicting scenes from Scythian mythology and everyday life It is from the writings of Greeks like the historian Herodotus that we learn of Scythian life their beliefs their burial practices their love of fighting and their ambivalent attitudes to gender It is a world that is also brilliantly illuminated by the rich material culture recovered from Scythian burials from the graves of kings on the Pontic steppe with their elaborate gold work and vividly coloured fabrics to the frozen tombs of the Altai mountains where all the organic material wooden carvings carpets saddles and even tattooed human bodies is amazingly well preserved Barry Cunliffe here marshals this vast array of evidence both archaeological and textual in a masterful reconstruction of the lost world of the Scythians allowing them to emerge in all their considerable vigour and splendour for the first time in over two millennia A Handbook to Classical Reception in Eastern and Central Europe Zara Martirosova Torlone, Dana LaCourse Munteanu, Dorota Dutsch, 2017-02-06 A Handbook to Classical Reception in Eastern and Central Europe is the first comprehensive English language study of the reception of classical antiquity in Eastern and Central Europe This groundbreaking work offers detailed case studies of thirteen countries that are fully contextualized historically locally and regionally The first English language collection of research and scholarship on Greco Roman heritage in Eastern and Central Europe Written and edited by an international group of seasoned and up and coming scholars with vast subject matter experience and expertise Essays from leading scholars in the field provide broad insight into the reception of the classical world within specific cultural and geographical areas Discusses the reception of many aspects of Greco Roman heritage such as prose philosophy poetry material culture Offers broad and significant insights into the complicated engagement many countries of Eastern and Central Europe have had and continue to have with Greco Roman antiquity North Pontic Archaeology G.R. Tsetskhladze, 2021-11-22 This volume deals with the classical archaeology of the northern Black Sea littoral discussing excavations and studies conducted by Russian Ukrainian German Czech and British archaeologists and classicists

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