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assumed prominent positions in civic life the end of the long span of the fourth century was marked by large scale religious change Churches had overtaken once thriving pagan temples old civic priesthoods were replaced by prominent bishops and the rituals of the city were directed toward the Christian God Such changes were particularly pronounced in the newly established city of Constantinople where elites from various groups contended to control civic and imperial religion Rebecca Stephens Falcasantos argues that imperial Christianity was in fact a manifestation of traditional Roman religious structures In particular she explores how deeply established habits of ritual engagement in shared social spaces ones that resonated with imperial ideology and appealed to the memories of previous generations constructed meaning to create a new imperial religious identity By examining three dynamics ritual performance rhetoric around violence and the preservation and curation of civic memory she distinguishes the role of Christian practice in transforming the civic and cultic landscapes of the late antique polis God, Space, and City in the Roman Imagination Richard Jenkyns, 2013-11 God Space and City in the Roman Imagination is a unique exploration of the relationship between the ancient Romans visual and literary cultures and their imagination Drawing on a vast range of ancient sources from all levels of Roman society it analyses how the Romans used conceptualized viewed and moved around their city **Art in the Lives of Ordinary Romans** John R. Clarke, 2006-04-17 Art in the Lives of Ordinary Romans is superbly out of the ordinary John Clarke's significant and intriguing book takes stock of a half century of lively discourse on the art and culture of Rome s non elite patrons and viewers Its compelling case studies on religion work spectacle humor and burial in the monuments of Pompeii and Ostia which attempt to revise the theory of trickle down Roman art effectively refine our understanding of Rome's pluralistic society Ordinary Romans whether defined in imperialistic monuments or narrating their own stories through art in houses shops and tombs come to life in this stimulating work Diana E E Kleiner author of Roman Sculpture John R Clarke again addresses the neglected underside of Roman art in this original perceptive analysis of ordinary people as spectators consumers and patrons of art in the public and private spheres of their lives Clarke expands the boundaries of Roman art stressing the defining power of context in establishing Roman ways of seeing art And by challenging the dominance of the Roman elite in image making he demonstrates the constitutive importance of the ordinary viewing public in shaping Roman visual imagery as an instrument of self realization Richard Brilliant author of Commentaries on Roman Art Visual Narratives and Gesture and Rank in Roman Art John Clarke reveals compelling details of the tastes beliefs and biases that shaped ordinary Romans encounters with works of art both public monuments and private art they themselves produced or commissioned The author discusses an impressively wide range of material as he uses issues of patronage and archaeological context to reconstruct how workers women and slaves would have experienced works as diverse as the Ara Pacis of Augustus funerary decoration and tavern paintings at Pompeii Clarke's new perspective yields countless valuable insights about even the most familiar material Anthony Corbeill author of Nature Embodied Gesture in Ancient Rome How did ordinary Romans view official

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