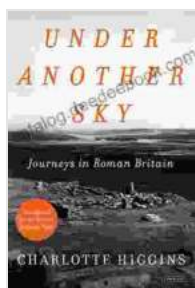


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Under Another Sky: Journeys in Roman Britain is a book by Peter Ackroyd that traces the history of Roman Britain through a series of journeys to different sites around the country. Ackroyd's evocative and meticulously researched account brings to life the people, places, and events that shaped the Roman province of Britannia, and offers a unique perspective on one of the most fascinating periods in British history.



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The book is organized around a series of journeys that Ackroyd takes to different sites in Roman Britain, including Hadrian's Wall, the Roman baths at Bath, the Roman town of Silchester, and the Roman villa at Fishbourne. Along the way, he explores the lives of the people who lived in Roman

Britain, from the soldiers who built the empire's frontiers to the civilians who populated its towns and villages. Ackroyd also discusses the ways in which Roman Britain has left its mark on the landscape and culture of the country, from the roads and bridges that still criss-cross the land to the Latin words that have become part of the English language.

Ackroyd's writing is both scholarly and accessible, and he has a gift for bringing the past to life. *Under Another Sky* is a beautifully written and deeply informative book that will appeal to anyone interested in Roman history and British culture.

A Journey Through Roman History

Ackroyd's book is a journey through Roman history, as well as a journey through the landscape of Britain. He begins his journey with a visit to Hadrian's Wall, which was built by the Roman emperor Hadrian in the 2nd century AD to mark the northern boundary of the Roman Empire. Hadrian's Wall is one of the most iconic symbols of Roman Britain, and Ackroyd's description of the wall and its history is both informative and evocative. He writes:

"Hadrian's Wall is a scar on the landscape, a reminder of the power and ambition of the Roman Empire. It is also a monument to the resilience of the people who lived in Roman Britain, and to the ways in which they adapted to the challenges of living on the edge of an empire."

From Hadrian's Wall, Ackroyd travels south to the Roman baths at Bath. The baths were built in the 1st century AD, and they were one of the most popular tourist destinations in Roman Britain. Ackroyd's description of the

baths is both vivid and informative, and he provides a fascinating glimpse into the everyday lives of the people who lived in Roman Britain.

From Bath, Ackroyd travels west to the Roman town of Silchester. Silchester was one of the largest towns in Roman Britain, and it was home to a population of around 8,000 people. Ackroyd's description of Silchester is both detailed and evocative, and he provides a fascinating glimpse into the urban life of Roman Britain.

From Silchester, Ackroyd travels south to the Roman villa at Fishbourne. Fishbourne was one of the largest and most luxurious villas in Roman Britain, and it was home to a wealthy landowner named Cogidubnus. Ackroyd's description of Fishbourne is both fascinating and informative, and he provides a vivid glimpse into the lifestyle of the elite in Roman Britain.

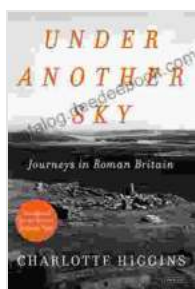
Ackroyd's journey through Roman Britain is a journey through time, as well as a journey through space. He explores the different periods of Roman history, from the conquest of Britain in the 1st century AD to the withdrawal of the Roman legions in the 5th century AD. He also explores the different regions of Roman Britain, from the north to the south, and from the east to the west. Ackroyd's book is a comprehensive and informative guide to Roman Britain, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in this fascinating period of history.

A Legacy That Lives On

The legacy of Roman Britain is still visible today in the landscape and culture of the country. The roads and bridges that were built by the Romans still criss-cross the land, and many of the towns and cities that were

founded by the Romans are still thriving today. The Latin words that were introduced by the Romans have become part of the English language, and the legal and political systems of Britain are based on Roman models. Roman Britain has left a lasting legacy on the country, and it is a legacy that is still visible today.

Ackroyd's book is a timely reminder of the importance of Roman Britain. In a world that is increasingly divided, it is important to remember the shared history that we have with our European neighbors. *Under Another Sky* is a book that will help us to understand our past and to build a better future.



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