THE DEMOGRAPHY OF ROMAN ITALY

This book provides a fresh perspective on the population history of Italy during the late Republic. It employs a range of sources and a multidisciplinary approach to investigate the demographic behaviour of Roman citizens. Dr Hin shows how they adapted to the changing economic, climatic and social conditions in a period of intense conquest. Her critical evaluation of both the positive and negative accounts of the demographic toll taken by warfare and rising societal complexity on the citizen population of Italy leads her to a revisionist 'middling scenario'. In tracing the population history of an ancient conquest society, she provides an accessible pathway into Roman demography, which focuses on the three main demographic parameters – mortality, fertility and migration. She unites literary and epigraphic sources with demographic theory, archaeological surveys, climatic and skeletal evidence, models and comparative data. Tables, figures and maps enable readers to visualize the quantitative dynamics at work.

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To my parents and brother
Voor mijn ouders en broertje

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