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This collection of essays traces the central role played by aristocratic patronage in the transformation of the city of Rome at the end of antiquity. Rather than privileging the administrative and institutional developments related to the rise of papal authority as the paramount theme in the post-classical history of the city, as previous studies have tended to do, here the focus shifts to the networks of reciprocity between patrons and their dependants. Using material culture and social theory to challenge traditional readings of the textual sources, the volume undermines the teleological picture of ecclesiastical sources such as the *Liber Pontificalis*, and presents the lay, clerical and ascetic populations of the city of Rome at the end of antiquity as interacting in a fluid environment of alliance-building and status negotiation. Drawing on work by members of the Centre for Late Antiquity at the University of Manchester over the last decade, the collection focuses on a wide range of topics, from imperial policy, to the inheritance strategies of aristocratic households, to the rise of monastic foundations. By bringing the city whose aristocracy is the best documented of any ancient population squarely into the centre of discussion, the volume makes an important contribution to our understanding of the role played by elites across the end of antiquity.

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AB	<i>Analecta Bollandiana</i>
ACO	<i>Acta Conciliorum Oecumenicorum</i>
ACW	<i>Ancient Christian Writers</i>
AJA	<i>American Journal of Archaeology</i>
BAC	<i>Bulletino di Archeologia Cristiana</i>
BHG	<i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Graeca</i> (ed. F. Halkin, 3rd edn, Brussels, 1957)
BHL	<i>Bibliotheca Hagiographica Latina</i> (Brussels, 1898–1901); <i>Supplementum</i> (1911); <i>Novum Supplementum</i> (1986)
CA	<i>Collectio Avellana</i>
CBCR	<i>Corpus Basilicarum Christianarum Romae</i>
CCSL	<i>Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina</i> (Turnhout, 1952–)
CIL	<i>Corpus Scriptionum Latinarum</i>
CJ	<i>Classical Journal</i>
CLA	<i>Codices Latini Antiquiores</i> (Oxford, 1935–71)
CP	<i>Classical Philology</i>
CPL	<i>Clavis Patrum Latinorum</i> (ed. E. Dekkers and A. Gaar, 3rd edn, Turnhout, 1955)
CSEL	<i>Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum</i> (Vienna, 1866–)
CTh	<i>Codex Theodosianus</i>
DACL	<i>Dictionnaire d'archéologie chrétienne et de liturgie</i> (ed. F. Cabrol and H. Leclercq, Paris, 1924–)
DOP	<i>Dumbarton Oaks Papers</i>
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
EME	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
HEL	<i>Histoire, Epistémologie, Langage</i>
HN	Zosimus, <i>Historia Nova</i>

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<i>ILCV</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Veteres</i> (ed. E. Diehl, 1925–)
<i>ILS</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae</i> (ed. H. Dessau, Berlin, 1892–)
<i>JAChr</i>	<i>Jahrbuch für Antike und Christentum</i>
<i>JECS</i>	<i>Journal of Early Christian Studies</i>
<i>JRA</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Archaeology</i>
<i>JRS</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>JTS</i>	<i>Journal of Theological Studies</i>
<i>LCL</i>	Loeb Classical Library
<i>LP</i>	<i>Liber Pontificalis</i>
<i>LTUR</i>	<i>Lexicon Topographicum Urbis Romae</i> (ed. E. M. Steinby, Rome, 1993 ² –)
<i>Meded</i>	<i>Mededelingen van het Nederlandse Instituut te Rome</i>
<i>MEFRA</i>	<i>Mélange de l'École Française de Rome, Antiquité</i>
<i>MEFRM</i>	<i>Mélange de l'École Française de Rome, Moyen Age</i>
<i>MGH</i>	<i>Monumenta Germaniae Historica</i>
<i>AA</i>	<i>Auctores Antiquissimi</i>
<i>Epp.</i>	<i>Epistolae</i>
<i>SRL</i>	<i>Scriptores Rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum</i>
<i>SRM</i>	<i>Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum</i>
<i>NCMH</i>	<i>New Cambridge Medieval History</i>
<i>NPNF</i>	<i>Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers</i>
<i>PBSR</i>	<i>Papers of the British School at Rome</i>
<i>PCBE</i>	<i>Prosopographie chrétienne du Bas-Empire</i> (ed. C. Pietri and L. Pietri, Rome, 1982–)
<i>PG</i>	<i>Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Graeca</i> (ed. J.-P. Migne, Paris 1857–66)
<i>PL</i>	<i>Patrologiae cursus completus, Series latina</i> (ed. J.-P. Migne, Paris 1844–55)
<i>PLRE</i>	<i>Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire</i> (ed. A. H. M. Jones and J. R. Martindale, Cambridge 1971–)
<i>PLS</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina, Supplementum</i>
<i>RivAC</i>	<i>Rivista di Archeologia Cristiana</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Paulys Realencyclopädie der classischen Alterthumswissenschaften</i>
<i>RM</i>	<i>Regula Magistri</i>
<i>SC</i>	Sources Chrésiennes
<i>SCH</i>	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
<i>ZKG</i>	<i>Zeitschrift für Kirchengeschichte</i>