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This book offers a comprehensive assessment of the intersection between Roman politics, culture and divination in the late Republic. It discusses how the practice of divination developed at a time of great political and social change and explores the evidence for a critical reflection and debate on the limits of divination and prediction in the second and first centuries BC. Divination was a central feature in the workings of the Roman government and this book explores the ways in which it changed under the pressure of factors of socio-political complexity and disruption. It discusses the ways in which the problem of the prediction of the future is constructed in the literature of the period. Finally, it explores the impact that the emergence of the Augustan regime had on the place of divination in Rome and the role that divinatory themes had in shaping the ideology of the new regime.

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<i>ANRW</i>	<i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> . Berlin and New York 1972–
<i>BEFAR</i>	<i>Bibliothèque des Écoles françaises d'Athènes et de Rome</i>
<i>CEFR</i>	<i>Collection de l'École française de Rome</i>
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i> . Berlin 1863–
<i>HABES</i>	Heidelberger althistorische Beiträge und epigraphische Studien
<i>LTUR</i>	<i>Lexicon topographicum urbis Romae</i> , ed. E. M. Steinby. Rome 1993–2000
<i>PAwB</i>	<i>Potsdamer altertumswissenschaftliche Beiträge</i>
<i>RE</i>	<i>Paulys Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> . Stuttgart 1893–
<i>RGRW</i>	<i>Religions in the Graeco-Roman World</i>
<i>RIC</i>	<i>The Roman Imperial Coinage</i> . London 1923–94
<i>RRC</i>	M. H. Crawford, <i>Roman Republican Coinage</i> . Cambridge 1974