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Tokens are under-utilised artefacts from the ancient world, but as everyday objects they were key in mediating human interactions. This book provides an accessible introduction to tokens from Roman Imperial Italy. It explores their role in the creation of imperial imagery, as well as what they can reveal about the numerous identities that existed in different communities within Rome and Ostia. It is clear that tokens carried imagery that was connected to the emotions and experiences of different festivals, and that they were designed to act upon their users to provoke particular reactions. Tokens bear many similarities to ancient Roman currency, but also possess important differences. The tokens of Roman Italy were objects used by a wide variety of groups for particular events or moments in time; their designs reveal experiences and individuals otherwise lost to history. This title is also available as Open Access on Cambridge Core.

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AE	<i>L'Année Épigraphique</i> (1888–)
AJN	<i>American Journal of Numismatics</i>
ANS	The American Numismatic Society
BM	The British Museum
BMCRLT	Thornton, M. K. (unpublished). 'Roman Lead Tesserae in the British Museum' (unpublished manuscript in the Department of Coins and Medals, the British Museum)
BnF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
CIL	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i> (1863–)
Cohen	Cohen, H. (1880–92). <i>Description historique des monnaies frappées sous l'Empire romain communément appelées, médailles impériales</i> (8 vols). Paris.
FMRD	<i>Die Fündmünzen der römischen Zeit in Deutschland</i> (1970–)
GdS	<i>Giornale degli Scavi di Ostia</i>
HN Italy	Rutter, N. K. (2001). <i>Historia Numorum: Italy</i> . London.
NC	<i>The Numismatic Chronicle</i>
NSc.	<i>Notizie degli scavi di antichità</i>
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