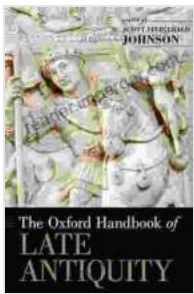


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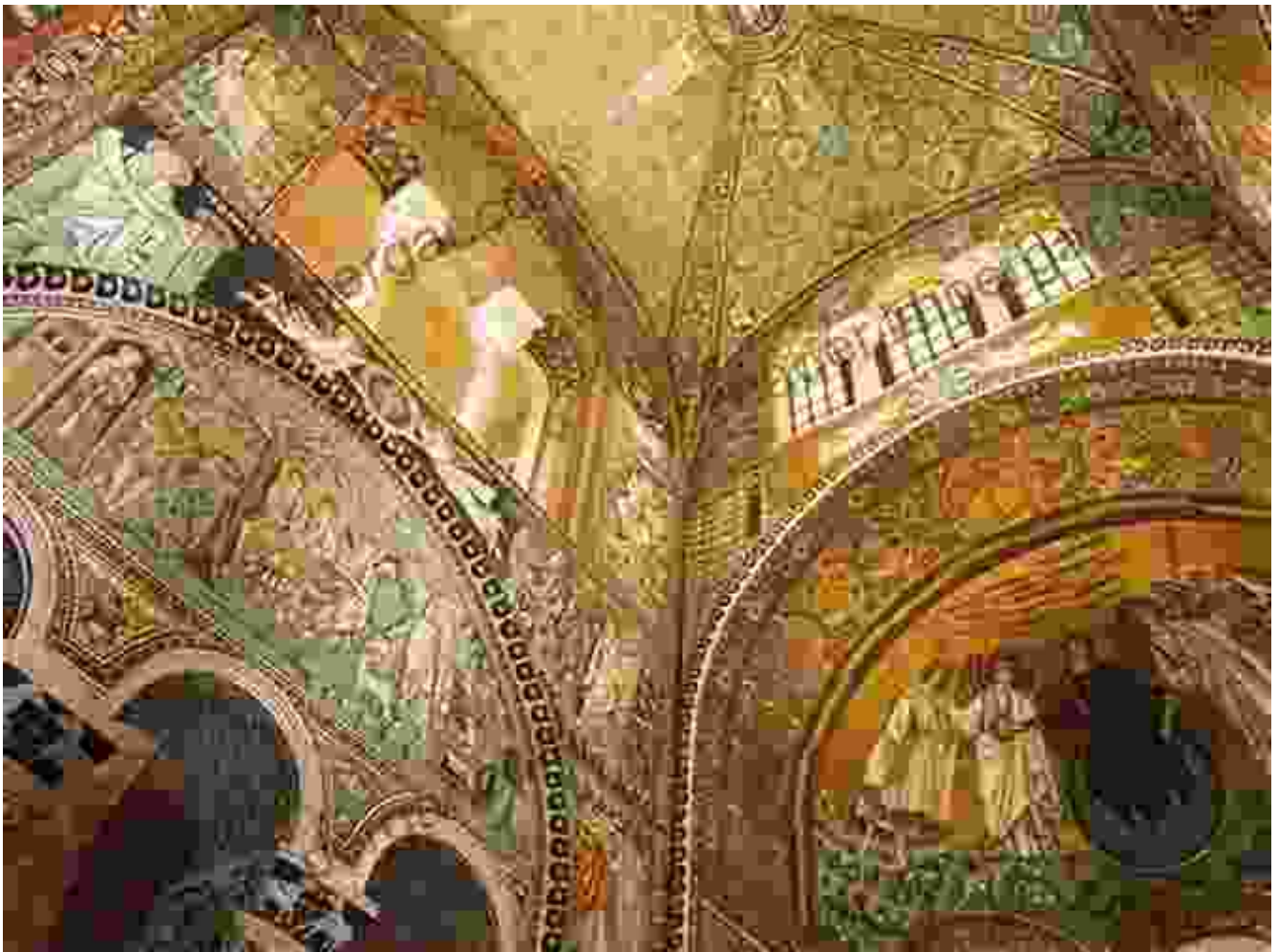
Late Antiquity, an era spanning the 3rd to 8th centuries CE, marked a profound transformation from the classical world to the medieval age. It was a time of political, religious, and cultural upheaval that saw the decline of the Roman Empire, the rise of Christianity, and the emergence of Islam.

This comprehensive handbook, edited by renowned historians Scott Johnson and Teresa Shawcross, brings together a team of leading experts to provide a multifaceted exploration of Late Antiquity.

Art, Architecture, and Material Culture

The handbook's section on art, architecture, and material culture offers a captivating journey through the visual and tangible manifestations of Late Antiquity.

From the lavish mosaics of Ravenna to the enigmatic Coptic textiles, the authors reveal the ways in which art and architecture reflected the era's shifting religious and political landscapes.



Literature and Literacy

The handbook's exploration of literature and literacy sheds light on the vibrant intellectual and literary culture of Late Antiquity.

From the allegorical narratives of Augustine of Hippo to the epic poetry of Claudian, the authors examine how literature mirrored the era's religious, political, and social transformations.

They also explore the fascinating role of literacy and the dissemination of knowledge in a period of profound change.



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The handbook's section on religion is a comprehensive examination of the profound religious upheavals that characterized Late Antiquity.

From the rise of Christianity to the emergence of Islam and the persistence of paganism, the authors explore the complex interactions and conflicts between different religious traditions.

They shed light on the ways in which religion shaped the era's social, political, and cultural landscapes.



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From the rise of the Sassanid Empire in Persia to the establishment of the Byzantine Empire in the East, the authors examine the interplay between political, economic, and social factors that shaped this era of transition.

They also explore the impact of economic changes, such as the rise of trade and the growth of cities, on Late Antiquity's social and cultural fabric.



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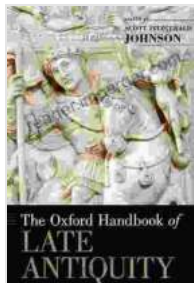
They examine issues such as gender relations, family life, and the role of the state in regulating society, shedding light on the social fabric of this transformative era.



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Through its comprehensive coverage of art, architecture, literature, religion, politics, economics, and society, the handbook provides a rich tapestry of insights into the era's cultural, intellectual, and social transformations.

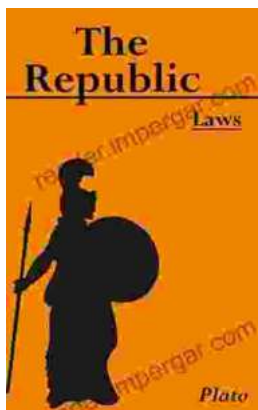
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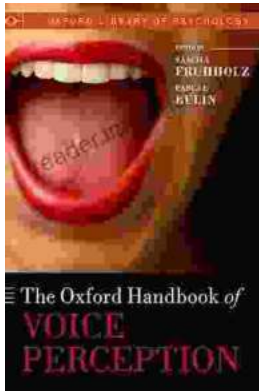
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