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empires the largest political systems of the ancient and early modern world powerfully transformed the lives of people within and even beyond their frontiers in ways quite different from other non imperial societies appearing in all parts of the globe and in many different epochs empires invite comparative analysis yet few attempts have been made to place imperial systems within such a framework this book brings together studies by distinguished scholars from diverse academic traditions including anthropology archaeology history and classics the empires discussed include case studies from central and south america the mediterranean europe the near east south east asia and china and range in time from the first millennium bc to the early modern era the book organises these detailed studies into five thematic sections sources approaches and definitions empires in a wider world imperial integration and imperial subjects imperial ideologies

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a new interpretation of the holy roman empire that reveals why it was not a failed state as many historians believe the holy roman empire emerged in the middle ages as a loosely integrated union of german states and city states under the supreme rule of an emperor around 1500 it took on a more formal structure with the establishment of powerful institutions such as the reichstag and imperial chamber court that would endure more or less intact until the empire s dissolution by napoleon in 1806 barbara stollberg rilinger provides a concise history of the holy roman empire presenting an entirely new interpretation of the empire s political culture and remarkably durable institutions rather than comparing the empire to modern states or associations like the european union stollberg rilinger shows how it was a political body unlike any other it had no standing army no clear boundaries no general taxation or bureaucracy she describes a heterogeneous association based on tradition and shared purpose bound together by personal loyalty and reciprocity and constantly reenacted by solemn rituals in a narrative spanning three turbulent centuries she takes readers from the

reform era at the dawn of the sixteenth century to the crisis of the reformation from the consolidation of the peace of augsburg to the destructive fury of the thirty years war from the conflict between austria and prussia to the empire s downfall in the age of the french revolution authoritative and accessible the holy roman empire is an incomparable introduction to this momentous period in the history of europe

herodian or herodianus of syria sometimes referred to as herodian of antioch c 170 c 240 was a minor roman civil servant who wrote a colourful history in greek titled history of the empire from the death of marcus in eight books covering the years 180 to 238 his work is not entirely reliable although his relatively unbiased account of elagabalus is more useful than that of cassius dio he was a greek perhaps from antioch who appears to have lived for a considerable period of time in rome but possibly without holding any public office from his extant work we gather that he was still living at an advanced age during the reign of gordianus iii who ascended the throne in 238 beyond this nothing is known of his life herodian writes that the events described in his history occurred during his lifetime photius gives an outline of the contents of this work and passes a flattering encomium on the style of herodian which he describes as clear vigorous agreeable and preserving a happy medium between an utter disregard of art and elegance and a profuse employment of the artifices and prettinesses which were known under the name of atticism as well as between boldness and bombast he appears to have used thucydides as a model to some extent both for style and for the general composition of his work often introducing speeches wholly or in part imaginary in spite of occasional inaccuracies in chronology and geography his narrative is in the main truthful and impartial citation needed however some charge him with showing too great a partiality for pertinax the dates of the birth and death of herodian are unknown all available information concerning his life is derived from what he himself wrote so the evidence is scarce one can assume that he must have reached the age of ten by the year 180 due to the attentive detail in his descriptions of the events of that time one notion is that herodian must have finished writing around 240 which would have made him about 70 he mentions my aim is to write a systematic account of the events within a period of seventy years covering the reigns of several emperors of which i have personal experience this reaffirms the notion that herodian was about 70 years of age when this was written and that the actions did indeed occur during his lifetime however it is possible that his history was composed at a later date herodian s descriptions of gordian iii are less than flattering and it is doubtful that he released such a negative review of a current emperor following this logic his history was finished in 244 at the earliest when gordian iii died in his first and third books herodian mentions the games of commodus in 192 and the secular games of septimius severus in 204 if herodian did attend the games of commodus he must have been at least 14 at the time which is to say that he was born in 178 at the latest

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