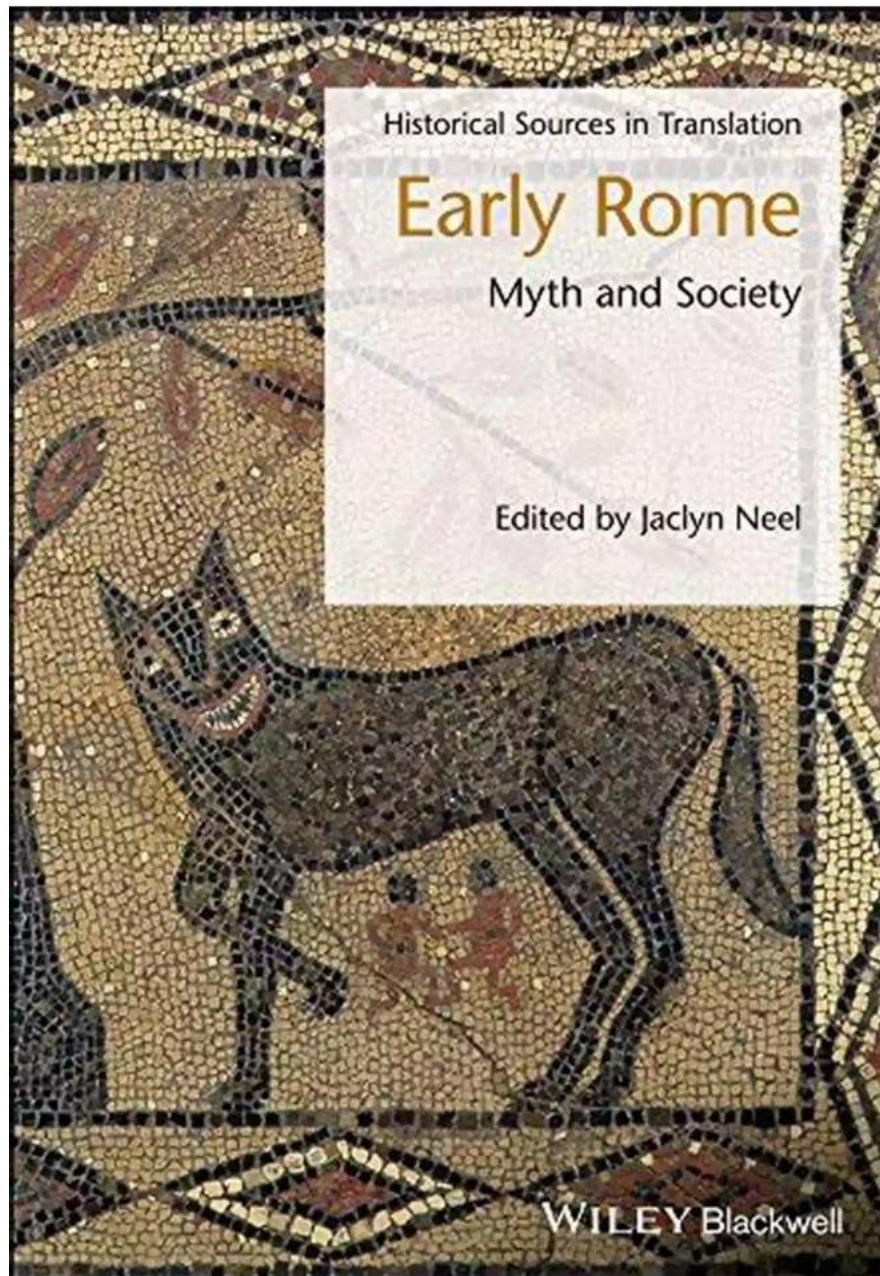


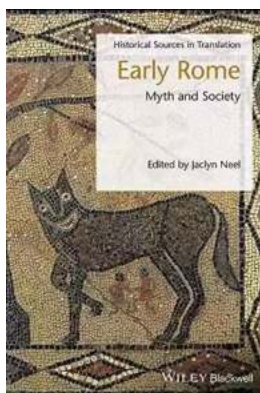
# Unveiling the Secrets of Myth and Society: Exploring Blackwell Sourcebooks in Ancient History



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Mythology has always been an integral part of human history, serving as a powerful tool to explain natural phenomena, societal norms, and religious beliefs. Throughout ages, different societies have developed their own unique mythologies which have left a lasting impact on their cultures and civilizations.

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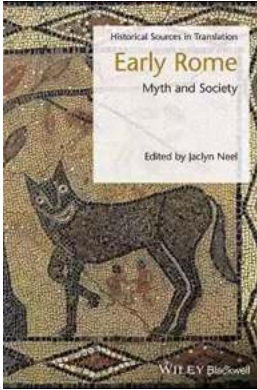
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This work examines the tales of Roman pre-and legendary history, discusses relevant cultural and contextual information, and presents author biographies. This book offers updated translations of key texts, including authors who are often absent from classical mythology textbooks, such as Dionysius of Halicarnassus and Servius. Editor Jaclyn Neel debunks the idea that Romans were unimaginative copyists by spotlighting the vitality and flexibility of Italian myth — particularly those parts that are less closely connected to Greek tales, such as the story of Caeculus of Praeneste. Finally, by calling attention to the Italian rather than Roman nature of the collection, this book suggests that Roman culture was broader than the city itself. This important work offers:

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- Examination of compelling tales that involve the Roman equivalent of Greek “heroes”
- Unique view of the strength and plasticity of Roman and Italic myth, particularly the parts less closely connected to familiar Greek tales
- Intelligent discussion of relevant cultural and contextual information
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Fresh and readable, *Early Rome: Myth and Society* offers essential reading for students of ancient Rome as well as those interested in Roman and Greek mythology.



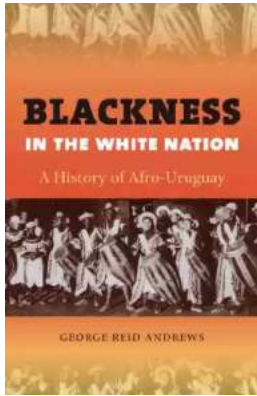
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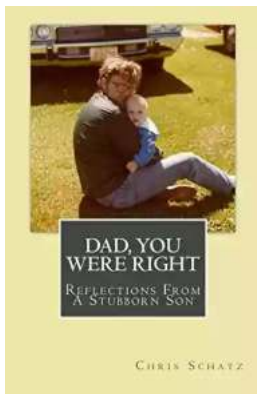
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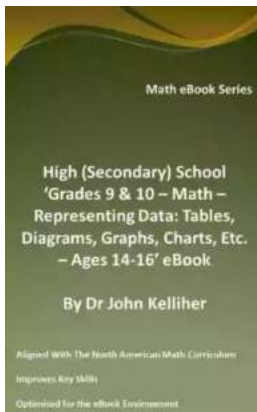
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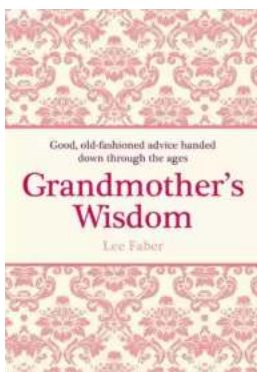
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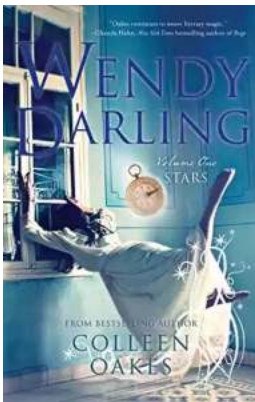
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