

A History of the Roman Equestrian Order

In the Roman social hierarchy, the equestrian order stood second only to the senatorial aristocracy in status and prestige. Throughout more than a thousand years of Roman history, equestrians played prominent roles in the Roman government, army and society as cavalrymen, officers, businessmen, tax-collectors, jurors, administrators and writers. This book offers the first comprehensive history of the equestrian order, covering the period from the eighth century BC to the fifth century AD. It examines how Rome's cavalry became the equestrian order during the Republican period, before analysing how imperial rule transformed the role of equestrians in government. Using literary and documentary evidence, the book demonstrates the vital social function which the equestrian order filled in the Roman world, and how this was shaped by the transformation of the Roman state itself.

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Abbreviations

<i>AE</i>	<i>L'Année épigraphique</i> , Paris (1888–present).
<i>ANRW</i>	Temporini, H. (ed.) (1972–88), <i>Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt</i> , Berlin.
<i>BGU</i>	<i>Aegyptische Urkunden aus den staatlichen Museen zu Berlin, Griechische Urkunden</i> , Berlin (1895–2005).
<i>CAH IX</i> ²	Crook, J. A., Lintott, A. and Rawson, E. (eds.) (1994), <i>The Cambridge Ancient History</i> , vol. IX: <i>The Last Age of the Roman Republic, 146–43 BC</i> , 2nd edition, Cambridge
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<i>CAH XIII</i>	Cameron, A. and Garnsey, P. (eds.) (1998), <i>The Cambridge Ancient History</i> , vol. XIII: <i>The Late Empire, AD 337–425</i> , 2nd edition, Cambridge.
<i>ChLA</i>	Bruckner, A. and Marichal, R. et al. (eds.) (1954–present), <i>Chartae Latinae Antiquiores</i> , Lausanne.
<i>CIL</i>	Mommsen, T. et al. (eds.) (1862–present), <i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i> , Berlin.
<i>CJ</i>	Krüger, P. (ed.) (1892), <i>Corpus Iuris Civilis Volumen Secundum: Codex Iustinianus</i> , 5th edition, Berlin.

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- IG* *Inscriptiones Graecae*, Berlin (1890–present).
- IGBulg.* Mihailov, G. (ed.) (1956–97), *Inscriptiones Graecae in Bulgaria repertae*, 5 vols., Sofia.
- IGR* Cagnat, R. et al. (eds.) (1906–27), *Inscriptiones Graecae ad Res Romanas pertinentes*, 4 vols., Paris.
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