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Rome wasn't built in a day, as the cliché reminds us. Neither did the greatest power of the ancient world fall in one swift cataclysm as some past historians believed. The history of Rome is long and complex: a village grew into the Eternal City that's still a wonder today; a monarchy became a republic and then an empire; Italy was conquered before Europe, parts of Africa and the Near and Middle East were incorporated into an empire that had around a quarter of the world's population under its governance. This 1,000-year-and-more history is complex and fascinating, here are just 100 facts that Ancient Rome: A New History, by Dr. David Potter -- Professor of Greek, Latin, and Roman history at the University of Michigan and an internationally recognized authority on the Roman Empire -- narrates the spectacular evolution of Roman power from its earliest days as a city-state along the banks of the Tiber to its decline and fall after the reign. of Justinian. Potter's work affords an introductory but lively overview of Roman history in only 368 pages (something which is a feat in unto itself). In this revised and expanded second edition of Ancient Rome, Potter draws upon new sources and d