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Getica: The Origin and Deeds of the Goths - Jordanes 2019-01-02

De origine actibusque Getarum (The Origin and Deeds of the Goths) the Getica, written in Late Latin by Jordanes in or shortly after 551 AD, claims to be a summary of a voluminous account by Cassiodorus of the origin and history of the Gothic people, which is now lost. However, the extent to which Jordanes actually used the work of Cassiodorus is unknown. It is significant as the only remaining contemporaneous resource that gives the full story of the origin and history of the Goths. Another aspect of this work is its information about the early history and the customs of Slavs.

The Goths - Simon MacDowall 2017-05-30

The fascinating history of "a race that simply would not accept defeat" (Books Monthly). In the late fourth century, pressure from the Huns forced the Goths to cross the Danube into the Roman Empire. The resultant Battle of Adrianople in 378 was one of Rome's greatest defeats. Both western (Visigoth) and eastern (Ostrogoth) branches of the Goths had a complex relationship with the Romans, sometimes fighting as their allies against other "barbarian" interlopers but carving out their own kingdoms in the process. Under Alaric, the Visigoths sacked Rome itself in 410 and went on to establish a kingdom in Gaul (France). They helped the Romans defeat the Hunnic invasion of Gaul at Chalons in 451 but continued to expand at Roman expense. Defeated by the Franks, they then took Spain from the Vandals. The Ostrogoths had a similar relationship with the Eastern Roman Empire before eventually conquering Italy. Adrianople, the events of 410, and the Ostrogoths' long war with Belisarius, including the Siege of Rome, are among the campaigns and battles Simon MacDowall narrates in detail. He analyses the arms and contrasting fighting styles of the Ostro- and Visi- Goths and evaluates their effectiveness against the Romans.

The Visigothic Kingdom of Tolosa - Charles River Editors 2020-04-07

*Includes pictures *Includes excerpts of ancient accounts *Includes a bibliography for further reading The birth of Europe as people know it today was hardly an easy and effortless process. The Old World was reshaped by centuries of continuous wars, raids, and the falls and rises of empires. The most turbulent of these events happened at the beginning of the Middle Ages, from the 3rd-7th centuries CE. This was the time when the old slave society gave way to the feudal system that marked the latter Middle Ages, and it was also a period of battles between the Roman Empire and various barbarian peoples. The Roman Emperors waged wars, made and broke alliances, and bribed and negotiated with chieftains of various "barbarian" tribes to preserve the territorial integrity of their Empires, but the razor-edge division between the civilized world of the Romans and that of the "savages" that threatened their borders was dulling with every decade. In fact, the constant need for army recruits swelled the Roman legions with barbarian foederati, a phenomenon that forced both the Romans and Byzantines to use a very subtle way of playing the barbarian tribes against each other via diplomatic schemes and bountiful rewards. A new religion was also taking root: Christianity became a reason for both unification and division, as different people adopted different variations of its teachings. It goes without saying that the Goths played an integral part in the history of Europe during this time, and they remain among the most notorious and controversial groups in history. By the 4th century CE, The Goths were among the prominent barbarian groups who became a threat to the Roman Empire, but they also had contacts with the Romans well before then, and they even traded for awhile. The two branches of the Goths that are best known, the Visigoths and Ostrogoths, stared down the Roman Empire as it neared its collapse and supplanted it with a kingdom in Italy in the 5th and 6th centuries respectively. The Visigoth leader Alaric and the Ostrogoth leader Theodoric are still well-known names due to their deeds and reigns in Europe. In addition to the Visigoths' conflicts with Rome, the ancient author Jordanes has helped keep the Goths relevant with his seminal work *The Origin and Deeds of the Goths*, which traces the group's history all the way back to about

1500 BCE and covers their migrations and wars on the European continent. While some still discount Jordanes' work as outright fiction, most historians still believe that it's a valuable historical work, and they continue to rely on it in attempts to study and trace the history of the Goths and their various branches over time. What is known is that the Goths established the Kingdom of Tolosa, one of many small kingdoms that emerged during the final years of the Roman Empire in the 5th century CE. Despite its size and limited fame, it has an important place in European history, not necessarily because of its own achievements (it was never a great power) but more for its influence on the course of events following the end of the Western Roman Empire. The Visigoths themselves are a much maligned and misunderstood ethnic group, so the extent of their influence on the emerging political structures of Spain and France, as well as those nations' cultures, is often forgotten. In particular, Tolosa's part in halting the seemingly unstoppable advance of Attila and the Huns should be remembered, given its importance for the future history of Europe. Indeed, an exploration of this small kingdom provides invaluable insights into how Western Europe developed in the period commonly referred to as the "Dark Ages," an era that actually had positive impacts on European culture.

The Goths in England - Samuel Klinger 1952

When Jess gets chicken pox it seems glamorous at first, but soon she gets tired of being stuck at home.

The Gothic History of Jordanes in English Version - Jordanes 1915

Alaric the Goth: An Outsider's History of the Fall of Rome - Douglas Boin 2020-06-09

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The Goths - Henry Bradley 2017-07-19

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[The Visigoths from the Migration Period to the Seventh Century](#) - Peter Heather 1999

Studies of the advances made by the Visigoths from the decline of the Roman Empire to the seventh century, when their kingdom stretched from the Loire to the Straits of Gibraltar. Studies of the advances made by the Visigoths from the decline of the Roman Empire to the seventh century, when their kingdom stretched from the Loire to the Straits of Gibraltar.

Goth - Lauren M. E. Goodlad 2007-03-21

Since it first emerged from Britain's punk-rock scene in the late 1970s, goth subculture has haunted postmodern culture and society, reinventing itself inside and against the mainstream. *Goth: Undead Subculture* is the first collection of scholarly essays devoted to this enduring yet little examined cultural phenomenon. Twenty-three essays from various disciplines explore the music, cinema, television, fashion, literature, aesthetics, and fandoms associated with the subculture. They examine goth's many dimensions—including its melancholy, androgyny, spirituality, and perversity—and take readers inside locations in Los Angeles, Austin, Leeds, London, Buffalo, New York City, and Sydney. A number of the contributors are or have been participants in the subculture, and several draw on their own experiences. The volume's editors provide a rich history of goth, describing its play of resistance and consumerism; its impact on class, race, and gender; and its distinctive features as an "undead" subculture in light of post-subculture studies and other critical approaches. The essays include an interview with the distinguished fashion historian Valerie Steele; analyses of novels by Anne Rice, Poppy Z. Brite, and Nick Cave; discussions of goths on the Internet; and readings of iconic goth texts from Bram Stoker's *Dracula* to James O'Barr's graphic novel *The Crow*. Other essays focus on gothic music, including seminal precursors such as Joy Division and David Bowie, and goth-influenced performers such as the Cure, Nine Inch Nails, and Marilyn Manson. Gothic sexuality is explored in multiple ways, the subjects ranging from the San Francisco queercore scene of the 1980s to the increasing influence of fetishism and fetish play. Together these essays demonstrate that while its participants are often middle-class suburbanites, goth blurs normalizing boundaries even as it appears as an everlasting shadow of late capitalism. Contributors: Heather Arnet, Michael Bibby, Jessica Burstein, Angel M. Butts, Michael du Plessis, Jason Friedman, Nancy Gagnier, Ken Gelder, Lauren M. E. Goodlad, Joshua Gunn, Trevor Holmes, Paul Hodkinson, David Lenson, Robert Markley, Mark Nowak, Anna Powell, Kristen Schilt, Rebecca Schraffenberger, David Shumway, Carol Siegel, Catherine Spooner, Lauren Stasiak, Jeffrey Andrew Weinstock

The Gothic: A Very Short Introduction - Nick Groom 2012-09-27

The Gothic is wildly diverse. It can refer to ecclesiastical architecture, supernatural fiction, cult horror films, and a distinctive style of rock music. It has influenced political theorists and social reformers, as well as Victorian home décor and contemporary fashion. Nick Groom shows how the Gothic has come to encompass so many meanings by telling the story of the Gothic from the ancient tribe who sacked Rome to the alternative subculture of the present day. This unique Very Short Introduction reveals that the Gothic has predominantly been a way of understanding and responding to the past. Time after time, the Gothic has been invoked in order to reveal what lies behind conventional history. It is a way of disclosing secrets, whether in the constitutional politics of seventeenth-century England or the racial politics of the United States. While contexts change, the Gothic perpetually regards the past with fascination, both yearning and horrified. It reminds us that neither societies nor individuals can escape the consequences of their actions. The anatomy of the Gothic is richly complex and perversely contradictory, and so the thirteen chapters here range deliberately

widely. This is the first time that the entire story of the Gothic has been written as a continuous history: from the historians of late antiquity to the gardens of Georgian England, from the mediaeval cult of the macabre to German Expressionist cinema, from Elizabethan Revenge Tragedy to American consumer society, from folk ballads to vampires, from the past to the present. ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

The Well Spring of the Goths - Ingemar Nordgren 2004

The Goths—a rumored people first known by history around the river Vistula in present Poland—was the people that more than other contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire. It was however also the Goths who preserved the Roman culture against other Germanic tribes. Earlier it has been generally assumed the Goths originated in Scandinavia but during the 20th c. many scholars have grown skeptical. The author has, using both Classical and Nordic sources and supplementary sciences, made probable there is an intimate connection between the Goths and the Nordic countries. Consequently it is quite possible that at least part of the Goths have a Nordic origin. The book rests on the basic hypothesis that the Goths are not a people but a number of tribes and peoples united through a common religious/cultic origin. The old dispute concerning the relationship between Svear and Gautar also gets quite a new meaning. The book is interdisciplinary and embraces history, religion, arts, linguistics and archaeology. In 1999 Ingemar Nordgren received his Ph.D. at Odense University, Denmark. The book builds to a considerable extent on his dissertation but has been updated and partly rewritten with brand new material.

Ulfilas, Apostle of the Goths - Charles Archibald Anderson Scott 1885

The Goths & Other Stories - Sasha Kaoru Zamler-Carhart 2020-07-07

In the winter of 476 A.D. the Ostrogoths, hungry and exhausted from wandering for months along the barren confines of the Byzantine Empire, wrote to Emperor Zeno in Constantinople requesting permission to enter the walled city of Epidaurum and just kinda crash and charge their phones. Closer to home, Orpheus walks Eurydice through a suburban refrigerator as a matter of tax planning. In *The Goths & Other Stories*, sexual desire, food, space, and anger are distorted; prose fiction, experimental poetry, philosophy, and design theory intersect and breed. The poetics of car accidents, capitalist consumption, and anarchist terrorism unfold at a Southern California car dealership. Readers of all centuries will feel at home in this book. The smell of seafood and speculative urban planning merge into a 1990s computer game, *Abidjan* has 12,756 streets with no way to go from one to another, an apocalypse of tax law and classical mythology descends upon suburbia and reveals a medieval theology of design, theater, and light. The book's six stories are set in different times and places - sometimes within the same narrative - but have in common a slippery approach to the boundaries between fiction and theory, between ontological planes, between the comical and the moral. Together they also form a treatise on the nature of writing as a branch of design - one whose medium is easier to reveal than to define. Sasha Kaoru Zamler-Carhart is a singer, medievalist, composer/designer, and formerly a linguist and a lawyer. Their artistic practice is reversible like an air conditioner. Sometimes it's forensic and archeological, and the machinery is pointed at an existing object: this is their stance as a medievalist and a linguist. Sometimes it's toggled to output and used to make a new design object: this is their work as a composer, designer, and writer, and formerly as a tax lawyer. Sasha is a lecturer at The New School, where they teach speculative design at Parsons School of Design, and history at Mannes School of Music. Sasha is also the vocalist of a improv band and a frequent performer of contemporary vocal music. They used to teach medieval music and Latin at the Royal Conservatoire, The Hague and direct a medieval polyphony ensemble. They graduated from Stanford with a JD, an MA in linguistics, and a BA in linguistics and philosophy. They have composition degrees from University of London (Royal Holloway) and the Royal Conservatoire, The Hague.

The Gothic Handbook - Walter Marlow Ramsay 1991

[The Goths](#) - Henry Bradley 1888

The Goths - Peter Heather 1998-06-08

The volume is divided into three parts, corresponding to the three main phases in Gothic history: their early history down to the fourth century,

the revolution in Gothic society set in motion by the arrival of the Huns, and the history of the Gothic successor states to the western Roman Empire. At its heart lies a new vision of Gothic identity, and of the social caste by whom it was defined and transmitted.

The Story of the Goths - Henry Bradley 2016-07-22

Excerpt from *The Story of the Goths: From the Earliest Times to the End of the Gothic Dominion in Spain* This little volume is, so far as I have been able to discover, the first English book expressly treating of the history of the Goths. Adequately

Goths and Romans, 332-489 - Peter J. Heather 1991

This book examines the collision of Goths and Romans in the fourth and fifth centuries. In these years Gothic tribes played a major role in the destruction of the western half of the Roman Empire, moving the length of Europe from what is now the USSR to establish successor states to the Roman Empire in southern France and Spain (the Visigoths) and in Italy (the Ostrogoths). Our understanding of the Goths in this "Migration Period" has been based upon the Gothic historian Jordanes, whose mid-sixth-century *Getica* suggests that the Visigoths and Ostrogoths entered the Empire already established as coherent groups and simply conquered new territories. Using more contemporary sources, Peter Heather is able to show that, on the contrary, Visigoths and Ostrogoths were new and unprecedentedly large social groupings, and that many Gothic societies failed even to survive the upheavals of the Migration Period. Dr Heather's scholarly study explores the complicated interactions with Roman power which both prompted the creation of the Visigoths and Ostrogoths around newly emergent dynasties and helped bring about the fall of the Roman Empire.

[The Goths in Spain](#) - E. A. Thompson 1969

A study of how the Goths governed their provinces from their victory at Vouille in 507 until the arrival of the Arabs in Gibraltar in 711.

Twilight of the Goths - Harold Livermore 2006

Toledo, former capital of Spain until 1560, is now one of the most monumental of Spanish cities. In Roman times, it was originally a modest tribal township, which was eventually elevated to a national capital by the Visigoths. This book attempts to trace their evolutionary passage from a Germanic tribe into conquerors.

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Asterix and the Goths - René Goscinny 2004-04-15

Asterix and Obelix escort Getafix to the druids' annual conference in the Forest of the Carnutes. Little do they know that the Goths are lying in ambush, ready to kidnap the Druid of the Year - who of course is Getafix! But what with Gauls, Goths and Romans all at odds, it's hard to tell friend from foe... until Goths begin fighting Goths in the Asterixian Wars. *The Goths from the Earliest Times to the End of the Gothic Dominion in Spain* - Henry Bradley 1888

The Goths - Henry Bradley 1890

[The Story of the Goths](#) - Henry Bradley 2016-01-20

The Story of the Goths by Henry Bradley is a fascinating history of the people that brought down the Romans.

[History of the Goths](#) - Herwig Wolfram 1990

Provides an overview on the formation of the Gothic tribes, their migrations, and the later history of the Ostrogothic and Visigothic settlements.

Roderick, the Last of the Goths - Robert Southey 1815

The Goths - Captivating History 2019-07-13

When J. R. R. Tolkien was writing his best-known work, *The Lord of the Rings*, between 1937 and 1949, he drew inspiration from various sources, with the largest well of inspiration being European folklore. However, according to some sources, he would also use real-life historical figures and base his characters on them.

[The Goths and Vandals](#) - Charles River Charles River Editors 2018-05-16

*Includes pictures *Includes online resources and a bibliography for further reading The birth of Europe as people know it today was hardly an easy and effortless process. The Old World was reshaped by centuries of continuous wars, raids, and the falls and rises of empires. The most turbulent of these events happened at the beginning of the Middle Ages, from the 3rd-7th centuries CE. This was the time when the old slave society gave way to the feudal system that marked the latter Middle Ages, and it was also a period of battles between the Roman Empire and various barbarian peoples. The Roman Emperors waged wars, made and broke alliances, and bribed and negotiated with chieftains of various "barbarian" tribes to preserve the territorial integrity of their Empires, but the razor-edge division between the civilized world of the Romans and that of the "savages" that threatened their borders was dulling with every decade. In fact, the constant need for army recruits swelled the Roman legions with barbarian foederati, a phenomenon that forced both the Romans and Byzantines to use a very subtle way of playing the barbarian tribes against each other via diplomatic schemes and bountiful rewards. A new religion was also taking root: Christianity became a reason for both unification and division, as different people adopted different variations of its teachings. It is true that the Vandals sacked Rome in 455 AD, but even that act was a unique historical accomplishment in itself as they were only the third people to inflict such destruction on one of the world's greatest cities. Despite living on the lawless marchlands of the Roman Empire, the Vandals were able to establish two different kingdoms, and introduce a fairly complicated code of royal succession, that gave stability to their people for some time. The Vandals also proved to be an extremely clever people in their use of violence and war, as they rarely engaged in violence for its own sake. They also often employed clever tactics on the battlefield to defeat the larger and more sophisticated armies of the Romans, and later, the Byzantines. It goes without saying that the Goths played an integral part in the history of Europe during this time, and they remain among the most notorious and controversial groups in history. By the 4th century CE, The Goths were among the prominent barbarian groups who became a threat to the Roman Empire, but they also had contacts with the Romans well before then, and they even traded for awhile. The two branches of the Goths that are best known, the Visigoths and Ostrogoths, stared down the Roman Empire as it neared its collapse and supplanted it with a kingdom in Italy in the 5th and 6th centuries respectively. The Visigoth leader Alaric and the Ostrogoth leader Theodoric are still well-known names due to their deeds and reigns in Europe. In addition to the Visigoths' conflicts with Rome, the ancient author Jordanes has helped keep the Goths relevant with his seminal work *The Origin and Deeds of the Goths*, which traces the group's history all the way back to about 1500 BCE and covers their migrations and wars on the European continent. While some still discount Jordanes' work as outright fiction, most historians still believe that it's a valuable historical work, and they continue to rely on it in attempts to study and trace the history of the Goths and their various branches over time. *The Goths and Vandals: The History and Legacy of the Barbarians Who Sacked Rome in the 5th Century CE* examines both groups, and how their actions in the 5th century helped bring about the end of the Western Roman Empire.

[The Origin and Deeds of the Goths](#) - Jordanes 1908

[The Origin and Deeds of the Goths](#) - Jordanes 2007-07

Jordanis, known in English as Jordanes (also Jordanis'), was a 6th century bureaucrat of the Eastern Roman Empire, who turned his hand to history late in life. Though he wrote a history of Rome (*Romana*), the book most of interest to us now are the manuscripts the source of *De origine actibusque Getarum* (*The Origin and Deeds of the Goths*), or *Getica*, written in Latin (probably Jordanes' third language) at Constantinople about 551 CE. He was asked by a friend to write this book by the church as a summary of a lost multi-volume history of the Goths by the

statesman, Cassiodorus. The major factors in the selection of Jordanes for this task were his interest in history (he was working on a history of Rome), his ability to write succinctly and his own Gothic background. He had been a high-level notarius, or secretary, of a small client state on the Roman frontier in Moesia, modern northern Bulgaria.

The Origins and Deeds of the Goths - Jordanes 2014-11-04

Jordanes' "The Origins and Deeds of the Goths" or *Getica* is a history of the early years of the Goths and was a summary of an earlier and longer work, but is now the only surviving narrative of this subject from the ancient world. Translated by Charles C. Mierow. First published in 1908.

The Story of the Goths - Henry Bradley 2016-01-19

The Goths were an East Germanic people, two of whose branches, the Visigoths and the Ostrogoths, played an important role in the fall of the Western Roman Empire and the emergence of Medieval Europe. An important source of knowledge of the Goths is *Getica*, a semi-fictional account, written in the 6th century by the Roman historian Jordanes, of their migration from southern Scandza (Scandinavia), into Gothiscandza-believed to be the lower Vistula region in modern Pomerania-and from there to the coast of the Black Sea. *The Goths* by Henry Bradley is a fascinating history of the people that brought down the Romans.

The Mysteries of the Goths - Edred Thorsson 2011-04

The Goths - David M. Gwynn 2017-11-15

The Goths are truly a "lost civilization." Sweeping down from the north, ancient Gothic tribes sacked the imperial city of Rome and set in motion the decline and fall of the western Roman empire. Ostrogothic and Visigothic kings ruled over Italy and Spain, dominating early medieval Europe. Yet after the last Gothic kingdom fell more than a thousand years ago, the Goths disappeared as an independent people. Over the centuries that followed, as traces of Gothic civilization vanished, its people came to be remembered as both barbaric destroyers and heroic champions of liberty. In this engaging history, David M. Gwynn brings together the interwoven stories of the original Goths and the diverse Gothic heritage, a heritage that continues to shape our modern world. From the ancient migrations to contemporary Goth culture, through

debates over democratic freedom and European nationalism, and drawing on writers from Shakespeare to Bram Stoker, Gwynn explores the ever-widening gulf between the Goths of history and the popular imagination. Historians, students of architecture and literature, and general readers alike will learn something new about this great lost civilization.

Cassiodorus, Jordanes and the History of the Goths - Arne Soby Christensen 2002

This book is a study in the myth of the origins and early history of the Goths as told in the *Getica* written by Jordanes in AD 551. Jordanes claimed they emigrated from the island of Scandza (Sweden) in 1490 BC, thus giving them a history of more than two thousand years. He found this narrative in Cassiodorus' Gothic history, which is now lost. The present study demonstrates that Cassiodorus and Jordanes did not base their accounts on a living Gothic tradition of the past, as the *Getica* would have us believe. On the contrary, they got their information only from the Graeco-Roman literature. The Greeks and Romans, however, did not know of the Goths until the middle of the third century AD. Consequently, Cassiodorus and Jordanes created a Gothic history partly through an erudite exploitation of the names of foreign peoples, and partly by using the narratives about other peoples' history as if they belonged to the Goths. The history of the Migrations therefore must be reconsidered.

The Story of the Goths - Henry Bradley 1888

The Goths in the Fourth Century - Peter J. Heather 1991

Taken as a whole, these sources throw much light upon the political, social and religious organization of the Goths, and on the nature of their relations with the Roman state in the period before their fateful crossing of the Danube in 376. --Book cover.

The Visigoths in the Time of Ulfila - E.A. Thompson 2008-11-27

Ulfila was a fourth-century Christian bishop and missionary who first brought Christianity to the Goths. This study of early Christianity among the Goths describes the background to the Visigoths' conversion from paganism, discussing their material culture, relations with the Roman Empire, social organization and religion.