



Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)

By Barbara M. Levick

Download now

Read Online 

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick

The Roman empress Faustina the Elder (c. 97-140) and her daughter Faustina II (c. 130-175) have been subject to criticism from the earliest records, described in turn as fickle, unfaithful, and treasonous. Yet their husbands, the emperors Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius, have reputations as golden as that of the whole Antonine age and seem to have thought favorably of them as prolific mothers, loyal spouses, and useful complements to the military and political proceedings of the empire. On the most basic level of lineage and procreation, the two women were naturally important for establishing the Antonine dynasty. Yet, the Faustinae, as they are commonly referred, also proved instrumental in solidifying in Roman minds the image of a nurturing and harmonious empire. Barbara M. Levick's *Faustina I and II* carefully synthesizes the many competing sources on the Faustinae into one comprehensive study, demonstrating the extent to which women could and did influence both the internal workings and external standing of the imperial dynasty. The book traces Faustina I's formation of her family's heritage amid a new empire through to Faustina II's enhancement of that legacy, focusing especially on the younger Faustina's deep involvement in palace politics and her possible role in the revolt of Avidius Cassius in 175. Through an analysis of everything from textual evidence to portraiture and coin inscriptions, this study ultimately evokes these two women whose exact biographies are not always certain, but whose relevance to their contemporaries and current scholarship is perfectly distinct.

 [Download Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Ag ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden ...pdf](#)

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)

By Barbara M. Levick

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick

The Roman empress Faustina the Elder (c. 97-140) and her daughter Faustina II (c. 130-175) have been subject to criticism from the earliest records, described in turn as fickle, unfaithful, and treasonous. Yet their husbands, the emperors Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius, have reputations as golden as that of the whole Antonine age and seem to have thought favorably of them as prolific mothers, loyal spouses, and useful complements to the military and political proceedings of the empire. On the most basic level of lineage and procreation, the two women were naturally important for establishing the Antonine dynasty. Yet, the Faustinae, as they are commonly referred, also proved instrumental in solidifying in Roman minds the image of a nurturing and harmonious empire. Barbara M. Levick's *Faustina I and II* carefully synthesizes the many competing sources on the Faustinae into one comprehensive study, demonstrating the extent to which women could and did influence both the internal workings and external standing of the imperial dynasty. The book traces Faustina I's formation of her family's heritage amid a new empire through to Faustina II's enhancement of that legacy, focusing especially on the younger Faustina's deep involvement in palace politics and her possible role in the revolt of Avidius Cassius in 175. Through an analysis of everything from textual evidence to portraiture and coin inscriptions, this study ultimately evokes these two women whose exact biographies are not always certain, but whose relevance to their contemporaries and current scholarship is perfectly distinct.

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick
Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #2346319 in Books
- Published on: 2014-03-01
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 6.40" h x 1.10" w x 9.30" l, .0 pounds
- Binding: Hardcover
- 272 pages

 [Download Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Ag ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden ...pdf](#)

Download and Read Free Online Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick

Editorial Review

Review

"Addressing the question whether a biography of the Faustinae is feasible in the light of the casual and often tendentious remarks in the literary sources that - as is common in the study of ancient women - did not focus on them, and the official nature of the numerous statues, inscriptions and coins, she expresses the aim of assessing the relative power and recognition of the Faustinae in comparison to the empresses who preceded and succeeded them. ... Taking a broad scope, Levick synthesizes a wide range of sources and studies not only on the Faustinae but also on the Antonine emperors, their ancestors and families and their predecessors with their wives and families. Her vast knowledge of prosopography allows her to knit them all together. ... [Levick's] aim has surely been reached." --*Bryn Mawr Classical Review*

About the Author

Barbara M. Levick is Emeritus Fellow and Tutor in Literae Humaniores, St. Hilda's College, Oxford.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Edward Robinette:

Here thing why this specific Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) are different and reputable to be yours. First of all reading a book is good however it depends in the content from it which is the content is as yummy as food or not. Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) giving you information deeper including different ways, you can find any reserve out there but there is no reserve that similar with Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity). It gives you thrill reading journey, its open up your own personal eyes about the thing which happened in the world which is might be can be happened around you. It is possible to bring everywhere like in playground, café, or even in your method home by train. When you are having difficulties in bringing the published book maybe the form of Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) in e-book can be your alternate.

Annmarie Windham:

The knowledge that you get from Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) could be the more deep you rooting the information that hide into the words the more you get considering reading it. It doesn't mean that this book is hard to understand but Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) giving you buzz feeling of reading. The article author conveys their point in certain way that can be understood by means of anyone who read the item because the author of this book is well-known enough. This book also makes your own vocabulary increase well. It is

therefore easy to understand then can go along, both in printed or e-book style are available. We recommend you for having this *Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)* instantly.

Rebecca McGrew:

This book untitled *Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)* to be one of several books in which best seller in this year, that is because when you read this e-book you can get a lot of benefit onto it. You will easily to buy this book in the book retail outlet or you can order it by way of online. The publisher of the book sells the e-book too. It makes you more readily to read this book, since you can read this book in your Mobile phone. So there is no reason for your requirements to past this guide from your list.

Richard Moultrie:

The e-book with title *Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)* contains a lot of information that you can study it. You can get a lot of gain after read this book. This particular book exist new expertise the information that exist in this book represented the condition of the world today. That is important to yo7u to learn how the improvement of the world. This kind of book will bring you inside new era of the syndication. You can read the e-book in your smart phone, so you can read it anywhere you want.

**Download and Read Online *Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity)* By Barbara M. Levick
#HOQXL6CB5R9**

Read Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick for online ebook

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick books to read online.

Online Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick ebook PDF download

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick Doc

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick Mobipocket

Faustina I and II: Imperial Women of the Golden Age (Women in Antiquity) By Barbara M. Levick EPub