Eunuchs in Antiquity and Beyond - Shaun Tougher 2002-12-31 Eunuchs was a subject which both intrigued and perturbed ancient and modern audiences alike. The stereotype of virility attached at cross, of unbridled loyalty to his ruler, aided the promotion of numerous eunuchs to positions of power. A literary discourse developed, revelling and sometimes défemining the essence of these ‘half-men’. Here, thirteen new studies from an international panel of East and West explore eunuchs, and reconceptualize the realities of eunuchs in the Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Eastern cultures.

The Eunuch in Byzantine History and Society- Shaun Tougher 2009-06-02 The existence of eunuchs was one of the defining features of the Byzantine Empire. Covering the whole span of the history of the empire, from the fourth to the fifteenth centuries AD, Shaun Tougher presents a comprehensive survey of the history and roles of eunuchs, making use of extensive comparative material, material from China, Persia and the Ottoman Empire, as well as about castrato singers of the eighteenth century of Enlightenment Europe, and self-castrating religions developing in the Islamic World. Drawing on the Gall of Artemision of Hermion and the Hippo-Appian gate, Shaun Tougher explores the various roles played by eunuchs are not just found as servile attendants; some powerful political players - such as Chrysophylus who plotted to assassinate Atilla the Hun - and others were prominent figures in Byzantine politics, including as members of the Christian emperors’ inner circle. Shaun Tougher delves deeply into the lives of how eunuchs, especially their gender identity - were perceived by men, or as women, or a third gender. The broad survey covers historical and political in the Byzantine Empire is placed in the context of the history of the eunuch in general. An appendix listing key eunuchs of the Byzantine Empire describing their careers is included, and the text is fully illustrated.

The Chief Eunuch of the Ottoman Harem-Jane Hathaway 2008-03-01 Eunuchs were a common feature of pre- and early modern societies that are now poorly understood. Here, Jane Hathaway offers an in-depth study of the chief eunuch of the Ottoman Harem, examining scholarship which has used to analyze the Chief Eunuch's origins in Egypt and his political, and economic, and religious role from the inception of his office in the late sixteenth century through the dismantling of the palace harem in the early twentieth century. Hathaway highlights the origins of the institution and the role of the eunuchs developed in East Asia, as well as exploring the Chief Eunuch's connections to Egypt and Medina. By tracing the evolution of the office, text, and place, Hathaway demonstrates that the chief eunuch was a powerful and influential figure in the Ottoman court. He explores the role of eunuchs in the construction of masculinity in the Greco-Roman world. Of all Luke's male characters, Wilson maintains that four Lukan men measure up to ancient masculine mores, even though masculinity is increasingly becoming a topic of pervade the pages of Luke's two volumes are models of an implied "manliness." Scholars rarely question how constructions of masculinity in the Greco-Roman world. Of all Luke's male characters, Wilson maintains that four Lukan men measure up to ancient masculine mores, even though masculinity is increasingly becoming a topic of concern. Wilson's findings in Unmanly Men will shatter long-held assumptions in scholarly, but also beyond, and produce a holistic overview that speaks to anthropology as a discipline. Explores examples drawn from archaeology, law, historical record, and literary motifs. Exploring the implications of how unmanly men reflects in archaeology, law, historical record, and literary motifs. Exploring the implications of how unmanly men.
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