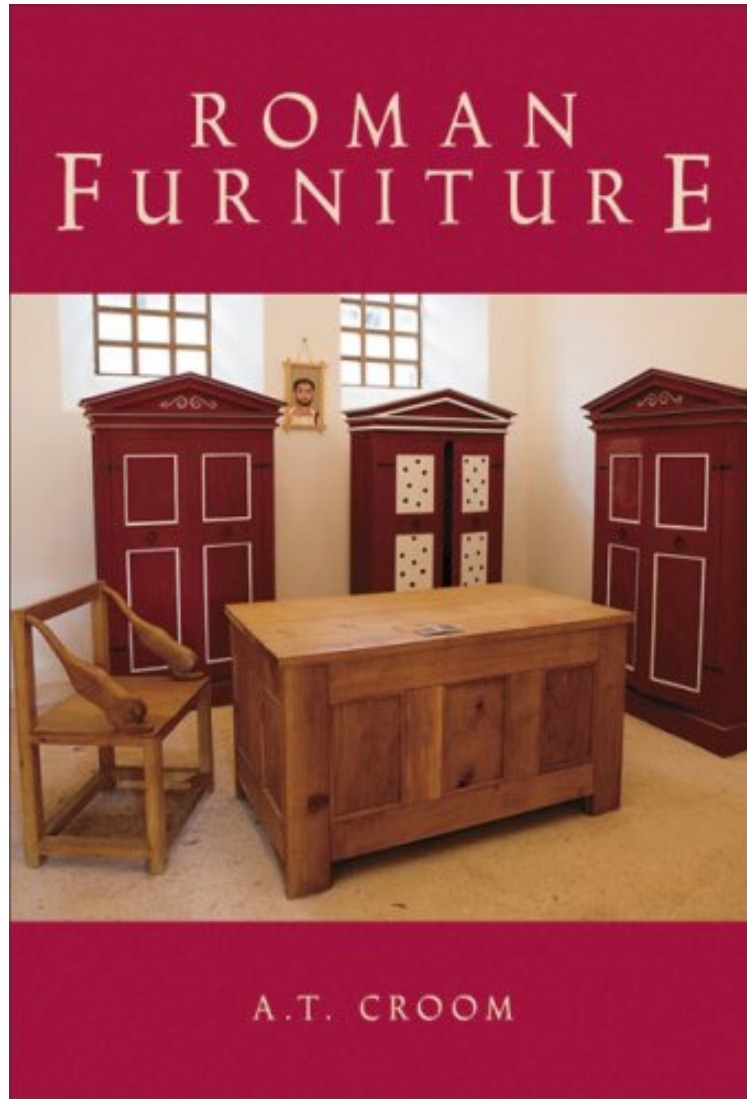


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After an introduction to the sources of evidence and the different materials used in making Roman furniture, the individual chapters touch on different categories such as couches, beds, tables, and chairs, as well as stools, cupboards, storage boxes, and shelving. A special emphasis is placed on furniture used in Italy's northwest provinces. The final part of the book discusses the types found in rich and poor houses, including farms and military barracks, in addition to the kinds usually found in specific rooms. This is the first general reference on Roman furniture to be published in English.

About the Author Alexandria Croom's previous book was Roman Clothing and Fashion.