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Luxury: Treasure of the Roman Empire

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The elite class of the Roman Empire used luxury goods to convey their status in Roman society. The material, craftsmanship and subjects depicted communicated the wealth, sophistication and power of the owner. In 1831 a collection of over 50 pounds of silver objects was discovered by a farmer in Berthouville, a village in Northwestern France. Known as the Berthouville treasure, this collection of Roman luxury goods was originally dedicated to the god Mercury at a sanctuary in Berthouville. In this bibliography, we have included titles about the Berthouville Treasure and other Roman treasures, as well as general works on Roman luxury items. Also listed are books about Roman silver, glass, jewelry and gems, and titles exploring the history of this ancient culture.

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**Berthouville Treasure and Other Treasure**


Roman Luxury and Coins


Roman Silver
Leader-Newby, Ruth E. Silver and Society in Late Antiquity: Functions and Meanings of Silver Plate in the Fourth to Seventh Centuries. Aldershot; Burlington: Ashgate, 2004 Call No: NK7107.3 .L43 2004


Roman Jewelry and Gems
Call No: N856 .A14 v. 54

[http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/gems/hd_gems.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/gems/hd_gems.htm)

Call No: NK5565 .G46 2011

Call No: NK7307 .H5 1980

Call No: NK5565 .M5 1998

Call No: NK7307 .R84 1995

Call No: NK 7307 .S36 2002

Call No: NK5555 .Z85 2007

Roman Glass
Call No: NK5107 .A64 2012

Call No: NK5107.3 .H37 1987

Call No: NK5439 .C33 R66 2010

Call No: NK5107.3 .S737 2001

[http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rgls/hd_rgls.htm](http://www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/rgls/hd_rgls.htm)

Call No: NK5107.3 .W45 1997 v. 1-3

Call No: NK5107 .W54 2011

Introduction to Ancient Rome
Call No: DG312 .R66 2008

Call No: DG272 .B66 2013


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