

late date of this type which could be the reason why these lamps have been found more often on the surface of the necropoli and in the habitation areas.

In brief, this publication is important for everyone interested in the North African lamps of Late Antiquity, and for those who want to obtain more information about their importance for the local lamp production in Central Italy as well as in other centres of the Mediterranean area in the same period.

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J. M. C. TOYNBEE: *Morte e sepoltura nel mondo romano*. Introduzione di Lidiano Bacchielli. Traduzione di Maria José Strazzulla. Società e cultura greca e romana 2. "L'Erma" di Bretschneider, Roma 1993. xv, 285 p., 92 ill., 30 fig. ISBN 88-7062-728-4. ITL 100.000.

FRIEDRICH WILHELM DEICHMANN: *Archeologia cristiana*. Traduzione di Alessandro de Lachenal e Rosa Taliani. Studia Archaeologica 63. "L'Erma" di Bretschneider, Roma 1993. 355 p., 194 ill. ISBN 88-7062-826-4. ITL 250.000.

Translations of such general works as Toynbee's *Death and Burial in the Roman World* (1971) and Deichmann's *Einführung in die Christliche Archäologie* (1983) are always welcome, not least because they can more easily find readers outside the professional circles in their language area.

In cooperation with a thoughtful publisher the occasion of a translation may also provide a good opportunity for the author to make corrections and amplifications to the work, as has happened with Deichmann's *Archeologia cristiana*, the usefulness of which is also guaranteed by an updated bibliography, an essential feature in a work of this kind.

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