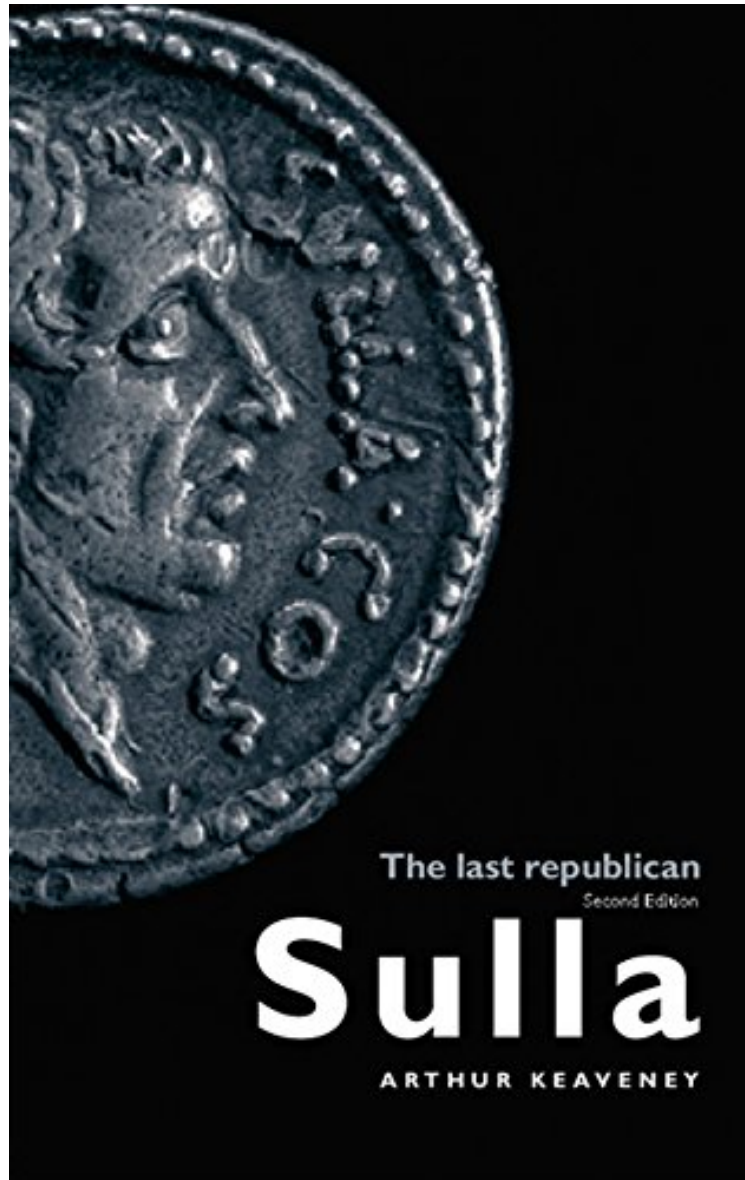


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mehr oder weniger eine der beiden Positionen in der Diskussion vor, ohne Sulla als Kind seiner Zeit [d.h. der politischen Umstände wie auch der Herkunft aus einer alten, aber verarmten adligen Patrizierfamilie] zu sehen. Eingebettet in diesen Gesamtkontext zeigt der Autor Sullas Leben vom Beginn seines Werdeganges (u.a. als römischer General, Führer der Adelspartei der Optimaten) bis zu seinem Tod und erlutert in diesem Verlauf die verschiedenen Wesenseigenschaften, die Sullas Leben prägten und nachhaltig bestimmten. Es geht somit weder um eine Verteidigung noch um eine Anklage, sondern um die [z.T. auch scheinbar widersprüchlichen] Handlungen Sullas nachvollziehen zu können. Dies hat der Autor nach meiner Meinung sehr gut umgesetzt, indem er die Verdienste Sullas um die römische Republik der Öffentlichkeit verständlich macht. Der wichtigste Satz, um Sulla zu verstehen, ist meiner Meinung nach wie folgt: He [Sulla] was one who never neglected to repay the kindness of a friend or the hurt of an enemy

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