

# She Wolf: The Story of a Roman Icon



## The Myth of the She Wolf

When we think of Rome, one of the first images that come to mind is the She Wolf with two infants, Romulus and Remus. This iconic statue, known as the Capitoline Wolf, has become a symbol of Rome and its foundation myth.

## The Legend of Romulus and Remus

According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were abandoned by their mother, the Vestal Virgin Rhea Silvia, and left to die in the wilderness. They were miraculously saved by a she-wolf who nursed and protected them until they were found by a shepherd.



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This legend became the basis for the founding of Rome. The brothers grew up and eventually decided to build a city on the spot where they were saved by the she-wolf. However, a disagreement over who would rule the city led to the infamous fratricide, with Romulus killing Remus and becoming the first ruler of Rome.

### The Iconic She Wolf Statue

The She Wolf statue, believed to be from the 5th century BC, depicts the legendary scene of the she-wolf nursing the twins. It is a bronze sculpture that showcases remarkable craftsmanship and artistry. The statue itself has become a symbol of Rome's greatness and power.

The Capitoline Wolf is one of the most famous ancient Roman sculptures and has been an inspiration for numerous artists throughout history. Its significance is not

only rooted in the myth of Romulus and Remus but also represents the nurturing and protective nature of the city of Rome itself.

## **The Cultural Influence of the She Wolf**

The She Wolf has inspired countless works of art, literature, and film over the centuries. Artists such as Michelangelo and Bernini have paid homage to the iconic statue in their own masterpieces. Its image can be found on Roman coins, stamps, and even the official emblem of the AS Roma football club.

The story of the She Wolf has captivated people's imagination for centuries and continues to be a symbol of Rome's heritage and legacy. It represents the strength, resilience, and nurturing spirit of the city, reminding us of its rich history and cultural significance.

## **Visiting the She Wolf**

If you're planning a trip to Rome, make sure to visit the Capitoline Museums where the She Wolf statue is displayed. This iconic piece of art is a must-see for anyone interested in Roman history and mythology. Take a moment to admire the craftsmanship and marvel at the enduring legacy of this ancient Roman icon.

So next time you see an image of the She Wolf with Romulus and Remus, remember the fascinating story behind it and the lasting impact it has had on Roman culture. It truly is a testament to the power of mythology and art to shape our perception of history.

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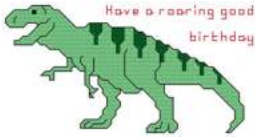


Since antiquity, the she-wolf has served as the potent symbol of Rome. For more than two thousand years, the legendary animal that rescued Romulus and Remus has been the subject of historical and political accounts, literary treatments in poetry and prose, and visual representations in every medium. In *She-Wolf: The Story of a Roman Icon*, Cristina Mazzone examines the evolution of the she-wolf as a symbol in western history, art, and literature, from antiquity to contemporary times. Used, for example, as an icon of Roman imperial power, papal authority, and the distance between the present and the past, the she-wolf has also served as an allegory for greed, good politics, excessive female sexuality, and, most recently, modern, multi-cultural Rome. Mazzone engagingly analyzes the various role guises of the she-wolf over time in the first comprehensive study in any language on this subject.



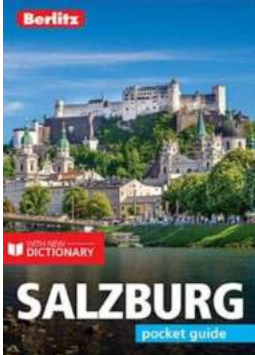
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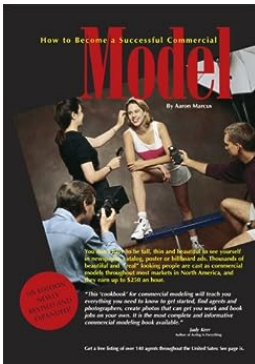
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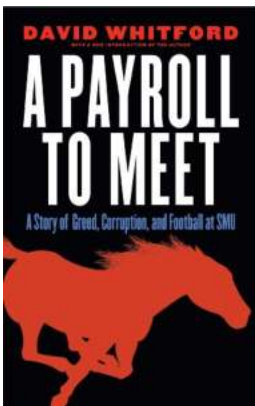
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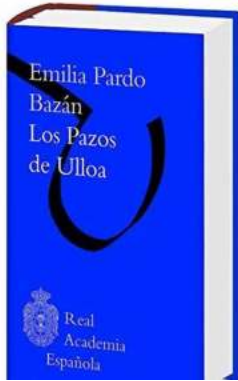
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