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FRIDA PELLEGRINO This book investigates the development of urbanism in the north-western provinces of the Roman Empire. Key themes include the continuities and discontinuities between pre-Roman and Roman urban systems, the relationships between cities' juridical statuses and their levels of monumentality, levels of connectivity and economic integration as illuminated by the geographical distribution of cities and town-like settlements belonging to various size brackets, and the shapes and nature of regional urban hierarchies, as reconstructed on the basis of not only the administrative centres but - crucially - all places that fulfilled "urban" functions.