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While confined to the magical number of seven, the list of wonders has changed over time. As even the most stunning creations must someday crumble to dust, some of the original wonders now exist only in literature and in scant archaeological remains. Delving into history from a scholarly perspective, Professor Jennifer Tobin pulls a curtain back on the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World—and in so doing reveals much not only about these wonders but also about the peoples and cultures responsible for their creation.



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