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Joe speaks with Historian and Professor James Romm, author of [\*Dying Every Day: Seneca at the Court of Nero\*](#), [\*Ghost on the Throne: The Death of Alexander the Great and the War for Crown and Empire\*](#), and [\*The Sacred Band: Three Hundred Theban Loves and the Fight to Save Greek Freedom\*](#). Joe and James discuss how reading ancient history can better prepare leaders for the challenges they will face in the 21st century. Also, Romm recommends the best books for leaders who want to learn more about the lessons within ancient Greek and

Roman literature.

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