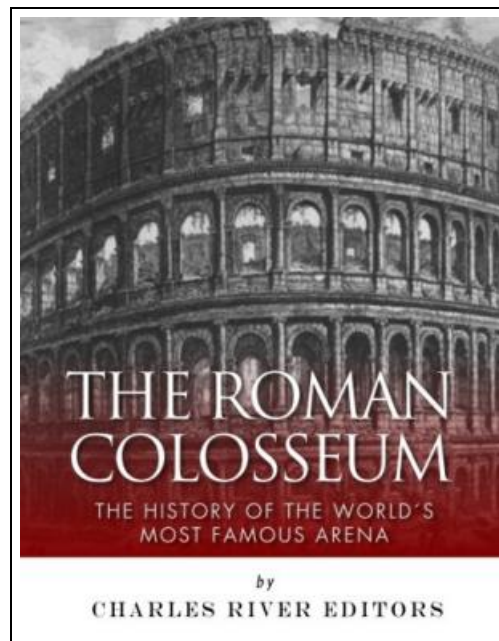# The Roman Colosseum: The History of the World s Most Famous Arena (Paperback)

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