

# Contents

Preface	ix
Maps and plans	xiii
Chronology	xv
1 The evidence	1
2 Rome and Carthage	11
3 The origins of the war	31
4 Early rounds	43
5 The Romans wash their hands in the sea	61
6 Ecnomus	81
7 Regulus	97
8 Of elements and elephants	111
9 Carthage resurgent	123
10 Shadow-boxing and knock-out	143
11 Conclusions	161
12 Epilogue	171
Notes	177
Abbreviations and bibliography	193
Index	199