

# Contents

<i>List of maps</i>	vii
<i>Notes on the sources</i>	viii
<i>List of abbreviations</i>	xv
<i>Foreword</i>	xx
<i>Acknowledgements</i>	xxiii
<i>Introduction</i>	1
<b>Part I: (c. AD 226–352)</b>	
1 The Rise of the Sassanians	9
2 The Persian expedition of Gordian III (the ‘first campaign’ of Shapur I against the Roman Empire)	34
3 The Second and Third Campaigns of Shapur I against the Roman Empire	49
4 The Rise and Fall of Palmyra	68
5 From Probus to Diocletian	111
6 Rome and Shapur II: Shapur and Constantine (c. 302–337)	143
7 Rome and Shapur II: The early wars of Constantius II (337–350)	164
<b>Part II: (AD 353–363)</b>	
8 Rome and Shapur II: The later wars of Constantius II (353–360)	211
9 Rome and Shapur II: The Persian Expedition of Julian (March–June, 363)	231

vi Contents

<i>Appendix 1 Select passages from sources in Arabic and New Persian</i>	275
<i>Appendix 2 Select passages from Armenian historians</i>	300
<i>Appendix 3 Select documents from Dura-Europos</i>	328
<i>Appendix 4 Eastern victories in imperial titulature</i>	336
<i>Appendix 5 The frontier units according to the notitia dignitatum</i>	340
<i>Notes</i>	349
<i>Glossary of Roman military terms</i>	401
<i>Bibliography of secondary works</i>	403
<i>Index of translated passages</i>	420
<i>General index</i>	429