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**“Harena sine Calce” (“Sand Without Lime”):
Building Disasters, Incompetent Architects, and
Construction Fraud in Ancient Rome”**

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Notwithstanding the considerable reputation enjoyed by Roman architects and builders, a great deal of evidence documents construction disasters, incompetent architects, fraudulent contractors and cost over-runs. In addition, there is ample testimony to misjudged urban planning and flawed codes or regulations or inadequate enforcement of regulations, with resulting losses of life and property from fire and other natural disasters. What type of mistakes were made, what types of frauds committed and what can we learn from them about the structures that survive?

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