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Triremes and Trojans: Rowing in the Ancient Greek and Roman World

Full recording: <https://youtu.be/mLzNxTcQtaM>

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V. Images Used in the Presentation

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**I have not read these books in full, but they were cited by many of the sources I used, and have made it onto my own list for further reading.