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Victor Sonkin is a literary scholar, critic and writer. He graduated from Moscow State University s.c.l. in 1992 and defended his doctoral thesis on Slavic verse theory in 1998. Since then he has worked as a translator for the United Nations, a conference interpreter, a columnist for The Moscow Times and The Times Literary Supplement, a teacher of translation practice (with Dr. Alexandra Borisenko) at his alma mater. In 2012, a major Russian publishing house published his historical guide *Here Was Rome: Modern Walks in the Ancient City*, the following year the book was awarded the Prosvetitel (Enlightenment) Prize, Russia's most prestigious award for original non-fiction. He has also written a children's encyclopaedia of ancient Rome. He lectures on a wide range of topics ranging from ancient scripts to translation issues.

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