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Turner's first tour of Italy in 1819–20 formed one of the most important and enduring narratives of his career. Cecilia Powell, Turner in the South: Rome, Naples, Florence, examines the context in which Turner operated and the various influences that shaped his work during this time. Powell's research is based on a comprehensive study of Turner's sketchbooks, drawings, and letters, as well as a detailed analysis of the works he produced during his Italian travels. She draws on a wide range of sources, including contemporary travel literature, art criticism, and historical documents, to provide a nuanced and comprehensive account of Turner's Italian sojourn.

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