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St. Peter's In The Vatican



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St. Peter's in the Vatican, has a long and turbulent history. First constructed in the fourth century to honor the tomb of St. Peter, the Early Christian edifice was gradually torn down and replaced by the new structure now in place. The history of the design and construction of this new building spans several centuries and involved several of the most brilliant architects, including Bramante, Michelangelo and Bernini, of the early modern period. This volume presents an overview of St. Peter's history from the late antique period to the twentieth century.

I'm a architecture buff with history thrown in. This book captures the history of the very beginning of the Vatican with plenty of historic drawings. No better book I've seen has this quality. If only I could visit the Vatican one more time..A book I highly recommend concerning the Vatican with the true beginning of a Roman graveyard is called:The Vatican Necropolies: Rome's City of the DeadThat book is truly amazing with incredible photos feature the Roman site beneath the Vatican. It's not a cheap book but it's huge with incredible quality photos of this unseen piece of historic Rome. Almost a little Pompeii beneath the Vatican.

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