Beyond Roman Gates

Roman buildings were erected in the Empire far beyond Rome. Their presence in northern countries, coupled with the revered images carried back from Rome by Christian pilgrims, influenced medieval church buildings. This architecture, counting on the authority of Rome, bred the Romanesque.

In the following pages, Lawrence Anderson’s beautiful photographs bring this transformed vision a step closer, into our own present.

1 Roman Gate, presently called Porte St.-Andre
Autun (Saône-et-Loire), France
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