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This book examines the historical use of this material for architecture, the different types of earthen construction in Italy and in China, the conservation
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Italy and China, although they are very different in geographical scale, have the bigger number of World Heritage sites included in the UNESCO List. Thus, apart from the most famous and frequented areas there is a multitude of lesser-known sites, including many archaeological sites, suffering from poor local development, the lack of adequate conservation interventions and enhancement, and limited tourist flows. Nevertheless, all these sites have to face daily issues related to conservation, management and enhancement. These are not simple issues to deal with, given that these actions are part of a broader and more intricate framework of interconnections of economic, political, social and cultural factors, determined not only by local and national dynamics but, often, by global trends. The volume collects the contributions of a multidisciplinary team of scholars and representatives of local authorities with the aim of
presenting a review of positive and current cases in both nations in the field of conservation and restoration, management and promotion of archaeological sites, aiming at creating a shared knowledge base, useful in identifying joint research solutions and initiatives.

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