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c. A.D. 61-c. 113

Roman scholar and official whose published letters illustrated life during the Roman Empire. Following his father's death, Pliny the Younger was adopted by his uncle, the elder Pliny. He began practicing law at age 18, and eventually held several administrative positions, serving as praetor, consul, prefecture of the military and senatorial treasuries, and head of the drainage board in Rome. His collected correspondence, published in nine volumes between 100 and 109, carefully detailed the social and political life of the Roman Empire.