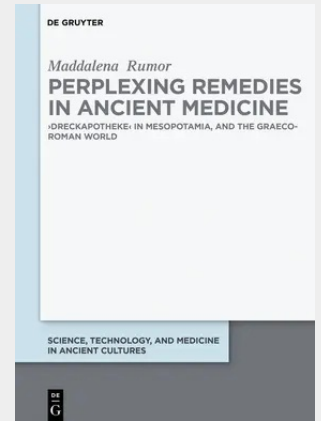


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›Dreckapotheke‹ in Mesopotamia and the Graeco-Roman World

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