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I am pleased to be able to present the collection of Sardinian, Etruscan and Italic bronze statuettes of the Danish National Museum in the Department of Ancient Cultures of Denmark and the Mediterranean, of which only some of the more spectacular examples have been published. It is, however, my hope that many of the other pieces may contribute to the understanding of important aspects of the varied cultures that flourished on the Italian Mainland and on one of the major islands of the western Mediterranean for many centuries before the Roman conquest.

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