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The paper discusses the occasion of childbirth as a ritual process in ancient Rome. A special attention is paid to the gender roles in this process. The study is based primarily on ancient literature, but archaeological and epigraphical evidence is also referred to.