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This book opens up a new perspective on Aristophanic drama and its relationship to Greek religion. It focuses on the comedy Wealth, whose fantasy of universal enrichment is structured upon a rich and largely unexplored framework of traditional stories of Greek religious experiences, such as oracles, miracle cures, and the introduction of new gods. The book examines the form and function of these stories, and explores how the playwright adapts them for his own comic purposes,

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grounding his comic fantasy on stories of philanthropic divinities who dependably respond to the needs of their worshippers. The collaboration of these deities, who act in tandem with their worshippers, achieves the comic fantasy. Francisco Barrenechea also addresses the larger question of how comedy participated in the religion of its time by imagining and dramatizing beliefs, and reveals the salutary bond that can exist between humor and religion in general.

English translations of three of Aristophanes' most popular plays. Includes helpful notes, an introductory essay on Aristophanes and the ancient theater, and a

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bibliography. Each play is preceded by an essay on its history, cultural context and production.

Professor Dover's newest book is designed for those who are interested in the history of comedy as an art form but who are not necessarily familiar with the Greek language. The eleven surviving plays of Aristophanes are treated as representative of a genre. Old Attic Comedy, which was artistically and intellectually homogeneous and gave expression to the spirit of Athenian society in the late fifth and early fourth centuries B.C. Aristophanes is regarded primarily not as a reformer or propagandist but as a dramatist who sought, in competition with his rivals, to

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win the esteem both of the general public and of the cultivated and critical minority. He succeeded in this effort by making people laugh, and the book pays more attention than has generally been paid to the technical means, whether of language or of situation, on which Aristophanes' humor depends. Particular emphasis is laid on his indifference-positively assisted by the physical limitations of the Greek theatre and the conditions of the Athenian dramatic festivals-to the maintenance of continuous "dramatic illusion" or to the provision of a dramatic event with the antecedents and consequences which might logically be expected. More importance is

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attached to Aristophanes' adoption of popular attitudes and beliefs, to his creation of uninhibited characters with which the spectators could identify themselves, and to his acceptance of the comic poet's traditional role as a mordant but jocular critic of morals, than to any identifiable and consistent elements in his political standpoint.

The Frogs of Aristophanes

The Clouds

The Ecclesiazusae of Aristophanes

The Ancient World

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Aristophanes and Athenian Society of the Early Fourth Century B.C.

Excerpt from *The Acharnians of Aristophanes: Acted at Athens at the Lenaean Festival, B. C. 425; The Greek Text Revised, With Translation Into Corresponding Metres Introduction and Commentary* But in truth we know very little of Aristophanes except from his own Comedies. Nor perhaps is this altogether to be regretted. A poet is seen far more truly in his works than in the petty details of his

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daily life. I do not know that we have lost anything by knowing so little of Shakespeare's life, or gained anything by knowing so much of Milton's. And if we know little of the poet's private life, we are equally in the dark as regards his lineage. But it seems to me so probable as to be almost certain that he had in his veins some strain of Aeginetan blood. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a

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With Introduction, English Prose

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Introduction and Commentary,

Aristophanes of Athens (ca. 446- 386BC), one of the world's greatest comic dramatists, has been admired since antiquity for his iridescent

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wit and beguiling fantasy, exuberant language, and brilliant satire of the social, intellectual, and political life of Athens at its height. He wrote at least forty plays, of which eleven have survived complete. In this new Loeb Classical Library edition of Aristophanes, Jeffrey Henderson presents a freshly edited Greek text and a lively unexpurgated translation with full explanatory notes. The Introduction to the edition is in Volume I. Also in the first volume is *Acharnians*, in which a small landowner, tired of the Peloponnesian War, magically arranges a personal peace treaty; and *Knights*, perhaps the most biting satire of a political figure (Cleon) ever written. Three plays are in Volume II of the new edition. Socrates' "Thinkery" is at the center of *Clouds*, which spoofs untraditional techniques for educating young men. *Wasps* satirizes Athenian enthusiasm for jury service and the law courts as well as the city's

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susceptibility to demagogues. In *Peace*, a rollicking attack on war-makers, the farmer-hero makes his famous trip to heaven on a dung beetle to discuss the issues with Zeus. In Volume III, the enterprising protagonists of *Birds* create a utopian counter-Athens ruled by birds. Also in Volume III is *Lysistrata*, in which our first comic heroine organizes a conjugal strike of young wives until their husbands end the war between Athens and Sparta. Women again take center stage in *Women at the Thesmophoria*, this time to punish Euripides for portraying them as wicked. *Frogs*, in volume IV, features a contest between the traditional Aeschylus and the modern Euripides, yielding both sparkling comedy and insight on ancient literary taste. In *Assemblywomen*, Athenian women plot to save Athens from male misgovernance- with raucously comical results. Here too is *Wealth*, whose gentle humor and

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straightforward morality made it the most popular of Aristophanes' plays from classical times to the Renaissance.

Aristophanes is the only surviving representative of Greek Old Comedy, the exuberant, satirical form of festival drama which flourished during the heyday of classical Athenian culture in the fifth century BC. His plays are characterized by extraordinary combinations of fantasy and satire, sophistication and vulgarity, formality and freedom. *Birds* is an escapist fantasy in which two dissatisfied Athenians, in defiance of men and gods, bring about a city of birds, the eponymous Cloudcuckooland. In *Lysistrata* the heroine of the play organizes a sex-strike and the wives of Athens occupy the Akropolis in an attempt to restore peace to the city. The main source of comedy in the *Assembly-Women* is a similar usurpation of male power as the women attempt to reform Athenian

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society along utopian-communist lines. Finally, Wealth is Aristophanes' last surviving comedy, in which Ploutos, the god of wealth is cured of his blindness and the remarkable social consequences of his new discrimination are exemplified. This is the first complete verse translation of Aristophanes' comedies to appear for more than twenty-five years and makes freshly available one of the most remarkable comic playwrights in the entire Western tradition, complete with an illuminating introduction including play by play analysis and detailed notes.

The purposes of this short monograph are to identify and analyze the problems of Athenian society with which the last two extant plays of Aristophanes - the *Ekklesiazousai* and the *Ploutos* - are concerned, as well as to examine the playwright's views on the essence of these problems and on attempts to find satisfactory solutions to

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them. The work contains an introduction and seven sections: 1. Historical Background; 2. Poverty: Symptoms, Ideas regarding Solutions and Criticisms of Ideas; 3. Poverty versus Riches; 4. The sources of the "Communitistic" Ideas; 5. Misthos Ekklesiastikos; 6. The Censure of Materialism; 7. Aristophanes and the "Middle Road". The author has attempted here to set forth both the value of Aristophanes' last plays as historical sources and the significance of their social message.

The Acharnians of Aristophanes

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Staging Women

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Excerpt from The Lysistrata of Aristophanes Acted at Athens in the Year B. C. 411: The Greek Text Revised With a Translation Into Corresponding Metres Introduction and Commentary It is much to be regretted that the phallus-element should be so conspicuous in the present Play; for in other respects, there are few dramas - ancient or modern - which contain more noble sentiments or more poetic beauty than the Lysistrata or Aristophanes. And in truth this very coarseness, so repulsive to ourselves, so

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amusing to an Athenian audience, was introduced, it is impossible to doubt, for the express purpose of counterbalancing the extreme gravity and earnestness of the Play. The debate between Lysistrata and the Chief Magistrate, her lecture to both Spartans and Athenians on their misdoings, and even the beautiful lyrics with which the drama concludes might, unless framed in the most ludicrous and farcical setting, have well been resented as too serious for-Comedy, as dealing with matters. But none could object on this

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score to wise counsels and political censures delivered by a woman in Lysistrata's position; and the more practical her advice to the combatants becomes, the coarser the buffoonery with which we find it surrounded. That a Poet, from the boards of an Athenian theatre, should, for example, recommend the Athenians, for the sake of Peace, to surrender Pylus, would hardly have been tolerated unless the recommendation had been dressed up in the broadest and most-fantastical costume. The sorrows of

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Athenian mothers for their sons, of Athenian maidens for their lovers, who had gone to the battle-fields from which they never returned, would have been a topic far too moving and pathetic for Comedy, had it not been made a part of the quarrel between the insurgent Women and the outraged Magistrate. And amidst the wildest buffoonery, there is always perceptible an undertone of sadness, and of genuine anxiety about the terrible position in which at that moment Athens found herself placed. About the Publisher

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intentionally to preserve its true nature. Contemporary productions on stage and film, and the development of theater studies, continue to draw new audiences to ancient Greek drama. With observations on all aspects of performance, this volume fills their need for a clear, concise account of what is known about the original conditions of such productions in the age of Pericles. Reexamining the surviving plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes, Graham Ley here discusses acting technique, scenery,

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the power and range of the chorus, the use of theatrical space, and parody in their plays. In addition to photos of scenes from Greek vases that document theatrical performance, this new edition includes notes on ancient mime and puppetry and how to read Greek playtexts as scripts, as well as an updated bibliography. An ideal companion to The Complete Greek Tragedies, also published by the University of Chicago Press, Ley's work is a concise and informative introduction to one of the great periods of world drama. "Anyone

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faced with Athenian tragedy or comedy for the first time, in or out of the classroom, would do well to start with A Short Introduction to Ancient Greek Theater."—Didaskalia

Three Plays by Aristophanes

The Frogs of Aristophanes Acted at Athens B.C. 405; the Greek Text Revised, with a Translation Into Corresponding Metres, Introduction and Commentary

An Introduction to the Greek Theatre

The Lysistrata of Aristophanes, acted at Athens in the year B.C. 411, the Greek

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Acted at Athens at the Lenaeon Festival B.C. 405; The Greek Text Revised with a Translation Into Corresponding Metres, Introduction and Commentary

This volume provides modern, uncensored translations of Aristophanes'

Acharnians, Knights, and Wasps. These plays, originally a series, are the world's earliest political satires, and

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are made available here for the first time in one volume, augmented by full introductions and notes. In these three works, Aristophanes launched satirical attacks on Cleon, the world's first demagogue, and explored the vulnerability of democracy to populist manipulation and disinformation.

Henderson's fresh translations and exploration of the themes within them enable readers to explore the perils facing democracy in its first century

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which are still with us today. The Introduction offers the reader background on Aristophanes' life, Athenian democracy, classical drama, as well as on political comedy, while introductions to each individual play provide the reader with context. An appendix also collects selected fragments from Aristophanes' lost political plays. Three More Plays by Aristophanes offers an invaluable collection of these works for students

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and faculty working on classical studies, theatre and theatre history, and drama. The clear translations and contextualizing introductions and notes also make these plays accessible to students of government, law, and political science, and to the general reader interested in any of these subjects.

This book provides an accessible introduction to each of Aristophanes' plays, focusing particularly on their

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relationship to Athenian politics and life, and to the effect that Aristophanes hoped to have on his audience. All passages quoted from them are given in new verse translations, and readers do not need any knowledge of Greek. But scholarly problems are not ignored, and specialists will find here both new suggestions and summaries of different interpretations with recent bibliographical information in the notes.

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bibliography. The extended biography places the life and works of the individual within an historical context, and the summary at the end of each essay provides a synopsis of the individual's place in history. Any student in the field will want to have one of these as a handy reference companion.

Aristophanes' Peace

The Thesmophoriazusae of Aristophanes
Acted at Athens in the Year B.C. 410

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Aristophanes: Frogs and Other Plays

City of Sokrates

An Introduction to Classical Athens

Birds and Other Plays

In this extensively updated second edition, including an up-dated index and bibliography, J. W. Roberts explores the main features of Athenian life in the latter half of the fifth century BC. This accessible introduction to the work of one of the world's greatest comic writers tackles key questions posed by

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Aristophanes' plays, such as staging, humour, songs, obscene language, politics and the modern translation and performance of Aristophanic comedy. The book opens up exciting and contentious areas of Aristophanic scholarship in a way that is engaging and readily comprehensible to a non-specialist audience, never losing sight of the fact that Aristophanes' plays are vibrant literary texts, designed primarily to appeal to a classical Athenian audience as pieces of living drama. Key to the book's appeal is that

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James Robson conceives of the plays as dynamic texts, containing a treasure trove of information not only about how they might have been performed and received in classical Athens, but also how they might be read and understood today. Most importantly, readers are given the tools and information to make their own minds up about the debates that still rage about Aristophanic comedy in the modern world. These three plays by the great comic playwright Aristophanes (c. 446–386 BCE), the well-known *Lysistrata*, and the less

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familiar Women at the Thesmophoria and Assemblywomen, are the earliest surviving portrayals of contemporary women in the European literary tradition. These plays provide a unique glimpse of women not only in their familiar domestic roles but also in relation to household and city, religion and government, war and peace, theater and festival, and, of course, to men. This freshly revised edition presents, for the first time in a single volume, all three plays in faithful modern translations that preserve intact

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Aristophanes' blunt and often obscene language, sparkling satire, political provocation, and beguiling fantasy. Alongside the translations are ample introductions and notes covering the politically engaged genre of Aristophanic comedy in general and issues of sex and gender in particular, which have been fully updated since the first edition in light of recent scholarship. An appendix contains fragments of lost plays of Aristophanes that also featured women, and an up-to-date bibliography provides

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guidance for further exploration. In addition to their timeless humor and biting satire, the plays are unique and invaluable documents in the history of western sexuality and gender, and they offer strikingly prescient speculations about the social and political future of the female sex.

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The Two Muses

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The Plutus of Aristophanes. acted at Athens in the year B.C. 388 the Greek text revised, with a translation into corresponding metres, introduction and commentary, by Benjamin Bickley Rogers

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Athens at the Great Dionysia, B. C. 421; The Greek Text Revised, With a Translation Into Corresponding Metres, Introduction and Commentary The spring of the year b.c. 421 found Athens and Sparta alike weary of the long continuance of the Peloponnesian War, and alike disposed to put an end to the conflict upon any fair and honourable terms. The War had now lasted exactly ten years: and as its fortunes alternated from side to side, Athens at one time, and Sparta at another, had been reduced to offer conditions of peace; but hitherto the very events, which had caused the offer to be made by one

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combatant, had themselves ensured its rejection by the other. Now, for the first time, the wishes of both coincided; both felt that they had far more to lose than to gain by a further prolongation of hostilities; both were therefore eager to terminate the War, and the desire of Peace was as ardent and as genuine on the one side as on the other. The Lacedaemonians had commenced the war with the reputation of invincible prowess, and with the general sympathy of Hellas strongly manifested in their favour. And notwithstanding the warnings of their wiser and more experienced counsellors, they had imagined that it would be

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but an easy task for their great Confederacy to chastise and humble the Imperial Republic which had dared to subjugate, and was holding in tributary vassalage, so many Hellenic cities, formerly as free and independent as herself. They looked forward to a few short and decisive campaigns which would win them immortal glory, and the thanks and gratitude of a liberated Hellas. These visions had been rudely and completely dispelled. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a

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Thesmophoriazusae was performed in Athens in 411 BCE, most likely at the City Dionysia, and is

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among the most brilliant of Aristophanes' eleven surviving comedies. It is the story of the crucial moment in a quarrel between the tragic playwright Euripides and Athens' women, who accuse him of slandering them in his plays and are holding a meeting at one of their secret festivals to set a penalty for his crimes.

Thesmophoriazusae is a brilliantly inventive comedy, full of wild slapstick humour and devastating literary parody, and is a basic source for questions of gender and sexuality in late 5th-century Athens and for the popular reception of Euripidean tragedy. Austin and Olson offer a text

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based on a fresh examination of the papyri and manuscripts, and a detailed commentary covering a wide range of literary, historical, and philological issues. The introduction includes sections on the date and historical setting of the play; the Thesmophoria festival; Aristophanes' handling of Euripidean tragedy; staging; Thesmophoriazusae II; and the history of modern critical work on the text. All Greek in the introduction and commentary not cited for technical reasons is translated.

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festival drama which flourished in Athens during the fifth century BC. One of the most original playwrights in the entire Western tradition, his comedies are remarkable for their brilliant combination of fantasy and satire, their constantly inventive manipulation of language, and their use of absurd characters and plots to expose his society's institutions and values to the bracing challenge of laughter. This vibrant collection of verse translations of Aristophanes' works combines historical accuracy with a sensitive attempt to capture the rich dramatic and literary qualities of Aristophanic comedy.

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The volume presents *Clouds*, with its famous caricature of the philosopher Socrates; *Women at the Thesmophoria (or Thesmophoriazusae)*, a work which mixes elaborate parody of tragedy with a great deal of transvestite burlesque; and *Frogs*, in which the dead tragedians Aeschylus and Euripides engage in a vituperative contest of 'literary criticism' of each other's plays.

Featuring expansive introductions to each play and detailed explanatory notes, the volume also includes an illuminating appendix, which provides information and selected fragments from the lost plays of Aristophanes.

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Frogs

Aristophanes Thesmophoriazusa

The Birds of Aristophanes, Acted at Athens at the Great Dionysia B.C. 414

A new verse translation, with introduction and notes

Staging Politics

The Peace of Aristophanes Acted at Athens at the Great Dionysia, B.C. 421

Excerpt from The Ecclesiazusae of Aristophanes: Acted at Athens in the Year B. C. 393, the Greek d104 Revised, With a Translation Into Corresponding Metres,

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Introduction and Commentary The Ecclesiazusae has come down to us unaccompanied by any didascalia or other evidence of its date, beyond what may be gathered from the play itself and the comments of the Greek Scholiasts thereon. But the information derivable from these sources makes it abundantly clear that the play was exhibited in the spring of the year B.C. 393, in the third year of the 96th Olympiad, when Eubulides was archon. And Praxagora, their leader, delivers a speech of considerable length, in the serious part of which she is doubtless expounding the poet's own views

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respecting the political condition of Athens.

"Then again this Alliance, when we were deliberating about it, they vowed that not to conclude it would be the ruin of the State: but when once it was concluded, they were disgusted with it; and the orator who persuaded them into it had straightway to cut and run." Lines 193-196. About the Publisher
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This is a new edition, the first for thirty years, with introduction and commentary, of one of only eleven preserved plays of Aristophanes, the greatest master of the Athenian comic theatre. The commentary focuses on the realities of day-to-day life in the ancient world and includes an examination of the practical problems of staging.

Aristophanes and Athenian society of the early 4th century B.C.

Narratives of Religious Experiences in Aristophanes' Wealth

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Three More Plays by Aristophanes

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Way of the Drama

A poet who hated an age of decadence, armed conflict, and departure from tradition, Aristophanes' comic genius influenced the political and social order of his own fifth-century Athens. But as Moses Hadas writes in his introduction to this volume, 'His true claim upon our attention is as the most brilliant and artistic

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and thoughtful wit our world has known.'

Includes The Acharnians, The Birds, The Clouds, Ecclesiazusae, The Frogs, The Knights, Lysistrata, Peace, Plutus, Thesmophoriazusae, and The Wasps.

Among extant Greek comedies, the Frogs is unique for the light it throws on Classical Greek attitudes to tragedy and to literature in general. It merits a much more extensive commentary than it has so far received, and the establishment of the text itself has rested for over a century on collations which were inadequate and

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inaccurate. At the same time, its most problematic passages have been the subject, in recent years, of more scholarly articles than those of any other Greek play. In this introduction, edition, and commentary, Sir Kenneth Dover presents the relevant data, arguments, and considerations as fully as can reasonably be done in one volume

Acharnians

Aristophanes