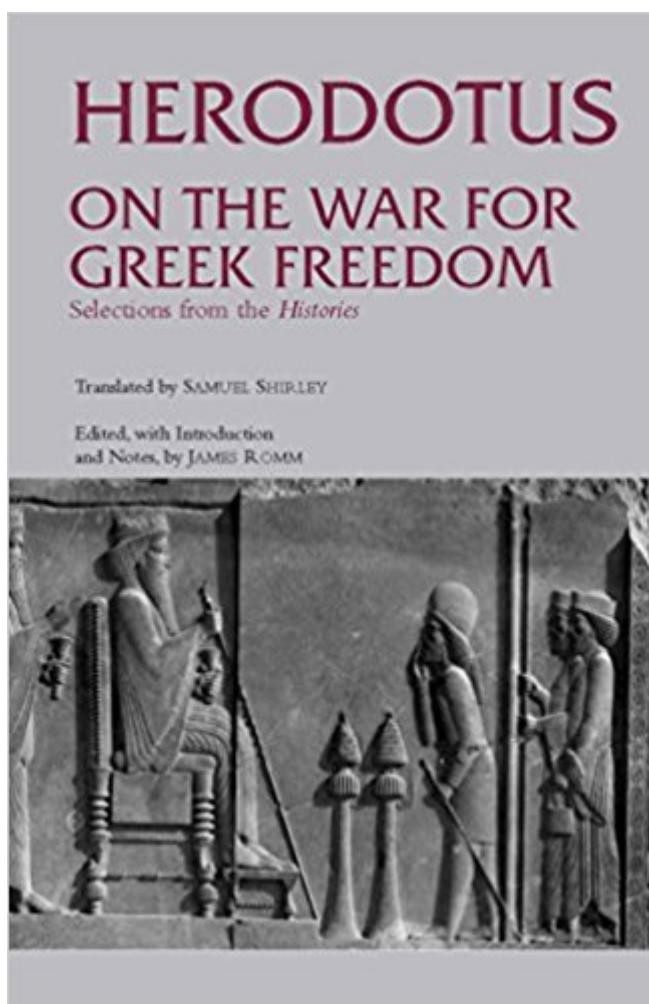


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Synopsis

Designed for students with little or no background in ancient Greek language, history, and culture, this new abridgment presents those selections that comprise Herodotus' historical narrative. These are meticulously annotated, and supplemented with a chronology of the Archaic Age, Historical Epilogue, glossary of main characters and places, index of proper names, and maps.

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Romm has made a judicious selection of the most important passages from the Histories and he has joined them with concise summaries of the intervening events so as to make the book a unified, coherent whole. The translation (provided mainly by Shirley, although many key passages have been translated by Romm) is lively and readable, and Romm's notes provide just the sort of information that a first-time reader of Herodotus would need. Romm's 'Introduction' is perhaps the most valuable aspect of the book. By highlighting the main themes and explaining Herodotus' use of imaginative material, Romm helps the reader make sense of a text that is sometimes unwieldy. Romm also situates Herodotus' work within its historical context, providing sensible answers to important questions such as the publication date of the Histories and Herodotus' views on events in the Peloponnesian War. The volume also includes a chronology of the Archaic Age, maps, and a glossary of important characters and places. In short, Romm and Shirley have produced a valuable desideratum: an excellent, one-volume introduction to Herodotus' Histories. It would be eminently suitable for undergraduate readers, particularly in a Greek History or Ancient Greek Civilization

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Text: English (translation) Original Language: Greek --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

I bought this text to find selections for an intro-level course in classics that I am teaching. The translator includes selections that my students will be most interested in reading and renders the Greek in lively English prose. I will assign selections from this text to augment my history outline, and I think students will find this an enjoyable (one hopes), or at least quite usable text.

This is essential reading for anyone diving into the philosophy of politics and western civilization.

This was very useful for teaching students that aren't quite ready to work through the entire text!

NICE!

My wife is Greek. I always want to learn more about my in-laws. The War for Greek freedom was related to my Greek mother-in-law. (See *My Big Fat Greek Wedding* DVD for reference). Good price.

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