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Plutarch's Lives (The Lives Of The Noble Grecians And Romans)



Synopsis

"Plutarch's Lives of the Noble Greeks and Romans", commonly called "Parallel Lives" or simply "Plutarch's Lives", is a series of biographies of famous men, arranged in tandem to illuminate their common moral virtues or failings. The work contains pairs of biographies, each pair consisting of one Greek and one Roman, as well as four unpaired, single lives. It is a work of considerable importance, not only as a source of information about the individuals biographized, but also about the times in which they lived. As he explains in the first paragraph of his Life of Alexander, Plutarch was not concerned with writing histories, as such, but in exploring the influence of character-good or bad-on the lives and destinies of famous men. This is the second volume of a three volume set.

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Customer Reviews

"A Bible for heroes." --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Text: English, Latin (translation)

An up-and-coming writer, Mr. Plutarch takes ancient characters and creates a drama almost as exhilarating as "Twilight"! In all seriousness, Plutarch's "Lives" is an interesting examination of eminent Greeks and Romans with comparisons of like figures. I love this book, and it is certainly not something you need to sit down and read in its entirety to get a lot from. Reading just a biography or two and the accompanying comparisons Plutarch offers is a great way for anyone interested in this

period or biographies in general to get a feel for a detailed perspective on figures from history. It can be dry, but that depends upon the reader.

The text is so tightly leaded it is difficult to read. All the great content and insights are there, of course. They need no further reviews. I wish somehow that the text might have been laid out more readably.

This is an essential book to trace the foundations of Western culture. Parts of it are surprisingly current in their analysis of our on-going political malaise. Nothing new, and all that. . . . When Greek or Roman family antecedents begin to interfere with the flow of the discourses, skip a page or two and don't falter.

This is a complete rendition of a tremendously fascinating book. However, the reader goes through the entire book in a MONOTONE. That is my only detraction. I plugged in this CD while driving to and from work; completed this book in about a month. Would recommend this book to anyone who loves Roman history.

Who can resist the biographies of ancient Greeks and Romans when they are compared to each other. Plutarch speaks to us today. Through the ages, these noble characters teach us about morality and real heroism. Plus, they offer lessons for today. A must own book, especially if you are an historian in the classical tradition.

Very interesting, but you need to take Plutarch with a grain of salt. He is not always totally accurate. But it is good and interesting reading.

More about known or forgotten matters of classic era and onward. The man who registered the laurel crown that lead to the position of laureate, and began the romantic pursuit poetry. The thorn crown given Christ is brought round to a more proper meaning than the disrespect given Christ for it.

Wonderful to go back in time and read such a classic. You can't help but wonder if Shakespeare read this when writing. It was all there!

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