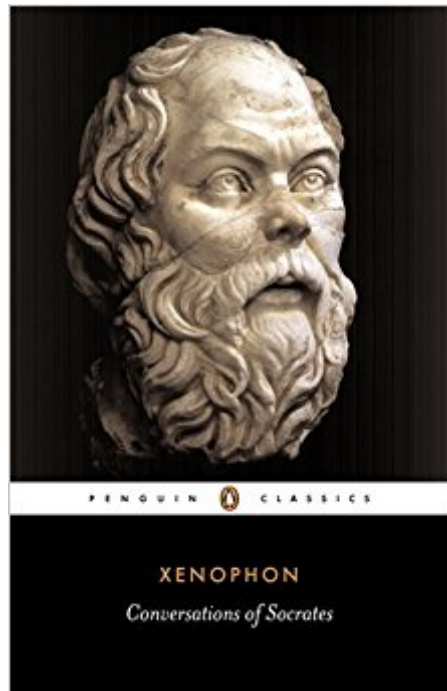




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Synopsis

After the execution of Socrates in 399 BC, a number of his followers wrote dialogues featuring him as the protagonist and, in so doing, transformed the great philosopher into a legendary figure. Xenophon's portrait is the only one other than Plato's to survive, and while it offers a very personal interpretation of Socratic thought, it also reveals much about the man and his philosophical views. In 'Socrates' Defence' Xenophon defends his mentor against charges of arrogance made at his trial, while the 'Memoirs of Socrates' also starts with an impassioned plea for the rehabilitation of a wronged reputation. Along with 'The Estate-Manager', a practical economic treatise, and 'The Dinner-Party', a sparkling exploration of love, Xenophon's dialogues offer fascinating insights into the Socratic world and into the intellectual atmosphere and daily life of ancient Greece.

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Xenophon was born c.430BC, an Athenian gentleman. Whilst fighting for Greece, he was finally banished due to his devotion to Socrates and support for Sparta. Settling near Olympia under Spartan protection, he began to write his treatises, histories and biographies. Hugh Tredinnick was Professor of Classics at Royal Holloway College from 1946 - 1966. He has translated works by Aristotle. He dies in 1982. Robin Waterfield is a self-employed writer with publications ranging from

academic articles to children's fiction. He has translated various Greek texts for Penguin.

I really enjoyed this book. Whether it is as accurate or not as Plato, who knows, but it had a wealth of great information to soak in. As is said in the introduction several times, Xenophon does seem to stray, particularly in Book 3 and 4 of *Memoirs*; they also seem a little fabricated, although I'm sure they had at least a degree of Socrates in mind when written. Either way, I really enjoyed this book and would like to think it's a pretty decent portrayal of Socrates.

Excellent resource. Highly recommended

Another great reference book for using Socratic dialogues in today's classrooms.

I knew of Socrates only through Plato. Another point of view is fascinating.

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