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The Acharnians of Aristophanes -
Aristophanes Aristophanes 2018-02-03
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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 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
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equally in the dark as regards his
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Aristophanes: Birds. Lysistrata.

Women at the Thesmophoria -

Aristophanes 1998

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The Clouds of Aristophanes - Aristophanes 1916

Clouds - Aristophanes 2000-01-01
This line-for-line translation of Aristophanes' best-known comedy features an introduction on Old Comedy, and the place of *Clouds* and Aristophanic comedy within it. Footnotes and more detailed endnotes further distinguished this edition of a play famous for its caricature of Socrates and of the 'new learning'.
Aristophanes and Athenian society of the early 4th century B.C. - Joseph David 2018-07-17
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

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The Peace of Aristophanes - Benjamin Bickley Rogers 2017-10-22
Excerpt from The Peace of Aristophanes: Acted at 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 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. About

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Aristophanes and Athens - Douglas Maurice MacDowell 1995

Aristophanes' comedies are famous for

their comic characters and earthy humour. But they are also highly topical, with many contemporary political allusions easily missed today. This book provides students with a long needed accessible and essential introductory guide to the plays, focusing particularly on information about the Athens of the day.

Aristophanous Batrachoï -
Aristophanes 1919

Comedy and Religion in Classical Athens - Francisco Barrenechea
2018-07-31

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, 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.

The Greeks - Robin Sowerby 2009
From the publisher. The Greeks has provided a concise yet wide-ranging introduction to the culture of ancient Greece since its first publication. This new and expanded edition of the best selling volume covers literature, drama, philosophy, art and architecture, and provides political, social and historical context. It includes new material on religion, as well as more illustration, maps, and a new glossary.

The Rivals of Aristophanes - David Harvey 2002-12-31

The work of the 'other' comic poets of classical Athens, those who competed with, and in some cases defeated, their (eventually) better-known fellow comedian, Aristophanes, has almost eluded the historical

record. The poetry of Cratinus, Phrynichos, Eupolis and the rest has survived only in tantalising, often tiny, fragments and citations. Modern studies in this field have themselves often been difficult of access. Here an exceptional cast of scholars, including most of the leading international authorities, provides a set of 28 interpretative essays to cover every one of these 'other' poets of Athenian Old Comedy for whom significant evidence survives. The work includes a comprehensive bibliography, and is a landmark in the study of Old Comedy.

Aristophanes: Clouds ; Wasps ; Peace
- Aristophane 1998

The Birds of Aristophanes. Translated Into English Verse, with Introduction, Notes, and Appendices.

By Benjamin Hall Kennedy - Benjamin Hall Kennedy 1874

The Thesmophoriazusae of Aristophanes Acted at Athens in the Year B.C. 410
- Aristophanes 1904

Aristophanes: Peace - Ian C. Storey
2019-01-10

This is the first volume dedicated to Aristophanes' comedy Peace that analyses the play for a student audience and assumes no knowledge of Greek. It launches a much-needed new series of books each discussing a comedy that survives from the ancient world. Six chapters highlight the play's context, themes, staging and legacy including its response to contemporary wartime politics and the possible staging options for flying. It is ideal for students, but helpful

also for scholars wanting a quick introduction to the play. Peace was first performed in 421 BC, perhaps only days before the signing of a peace treaty that ended ten years of fighting between Athens and Sparta (the Archidamian War). Aristophanes celebrates this prospect with an imaginative fantasy involving his hero's flight on a gigantic dung-beetle to Olympus, the rescue of the goddess Peace from her imprisonment in a cave, and her return to a Greece weary of ten years of war. Like most of the poet's comedies, this play is heavy on fantasy and imagination, light on formal structure, being an exuberant farce that champions the opponents of War and celebrates the delights of the return to country life with its smells, food and drink, its many pleasures and none of the

complications that war brings in its wake.

The Birds and Other Plays -
Aristophanes 2003-10-28

Five comedies from Ancient Greece that freely blend satire and slapstick Offering a window into the world of ordinary Athenians, Aristophanes' *The Birds and Other Plays* is a timeless set of comedies, combining witty satire and raucous slapstick to wonderful effect. The plays in this volume all contain Aristophanes' trademark bawdy comedy and dazzling verbal agility. In *The Birds*, two cunning Athenians persuade the birds to build the utopian city of 'Much Cuckoo in the Clouds' in the sky, blockading the Olympian gods and installing themselves as new deities. *The Knights* is a venomous satire on Cleon, a prominent Athenian

demagogue, who vies with a humble sausage-seller for the approval of the people; while *The Assembly-Women* deals with the battle of the sexes as the women of Athens infiltrate the all-male Assembly in disguise. The lengthy conflict with Sparta is the subject of *Peace*, inspired by the hope of a settlement in 421 BC, and *Wealth* reflects on the economic catastrophe that hit Athens after the war. These lively translations by David Barrett and Alan H. Sommerstein capture the full humour of the plays. The introduction examines Aristophanes' life and times, and the comedy and poetry of his works, and this edition also includes an introductory note for each play. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking

world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

The Ecclesiazusae of Aristophanes - Aristophanes 1917

An Introduction to the Greek Theatre - Peter Arnott 1991-07-02

Aristophanic Comedy - K. J. Dover 1972-03

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 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 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 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 - Aristophanes 1907

The Ecclesiazusae of Aristophanes - Benjamin Bickley Rogers 2019-09-15
This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.

The Lysistrata of Aristophanes Acted

at Athens in the Year B. C. 411 - Benjamin Bickley Rogers 2017-10-26
Excerpt from The Lysistrata of Aristophanes Acted at Athens in the Year B. C. 411: The Greek d104 Revised With a Translation Into Corresponding Metres Introduction and Commentary For the Play was written in the year 412 b.c. At the very darkest period of the Peloponnesian War, the darkest, that is to say, before the ultimate disaster of Aegospotami, and the consequent Fall of Athens. It was produced at the commencement of the year 411 B. C., but whether at the Lenaea or at the Great Dionysia, and with what success, the scanty record which has come down to us contains nothing to show. At the time when Aristophanes commenced it, he must have felt grave doubt whether it would ever be

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A Short Introduction to the Ancient Greek Theater - Graham Ley 2012-02-01

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, 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 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*

Aristophanes: *Lysistrata* - James Robson 2022-12-15

Lysistrata is the most notorious of Aristophanes' comedies. First staged in 411 BCE, its action famously revolves around a sex strike launched by the women of Greece in an attempt to force their husbands to end the war. With its risqué humour, vibrant battle of the sexes, and themes of

war and peace, *Lysistrata* remains as daring and thought-provoking today as it would have been for its original audience in Classical Athens.

Aristophanes: Lysistrata is a lively and engaging introduction to this play aimed at students and scholars of classical drama alike. It sets *Lysistrata* in its social and historical context, looking at key themes such as politics, religion and its provocative portrayal of women, as well as the play's language, humour and personalities, including the formidable and trailblazing *Lysistrata* herself. *Lysistrata* has often been translated, adapted and performed in the modern era and this book also traces the ways in which it has been re-imagined and re-presented to new audiences. As this reception history reveals, *Lysistrata*'s appeal

in the modern world lies not only in its racy subject matter, but also in its potential to be recast as a feminist, pacifist or otherwise subversive play that openly challenges the political and social status quo.

Aristophanes: Knights - Aristophanes 1998

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

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most popular of Aristophanes' plays from classical times to the Renaissance.

The Frogs of Aristophanes -

Aristophanes Aristophanes 2016-07-17
Excerpt from The Frogs of Aristophanes: Acted at Athens at the Lenaean Festival B. C. 405; The Greek Text Revised With a Translation Into Corresponding Metres, Introduction and Commentary In uence of Classical Greek Poetry, will be found in a separate note at the end of this Introduction. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original

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Aristophanes and Athenian Society of the Early Fourth Century B.C. - E. David 1984

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Frogs - Aristophanes 1993

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 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

Aristophanes: Frogs and Other Plays -

Aristophanes 2015-11-12

Aristophanes is the only surviving representative of Greek Old Comedy,

an exuberant form of 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. The volume presents *Clouds*, with its famous caricature of the philosopher Socrates; *Women at the Thesmophoria* (or *Thesmophoriazousae*), 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.

The Peace of Aristophanes Acted at Athens at the Great Dionysia, B.C. 421 - Aristophanes 1913

Complete Plays of Aristophanes - Aristophanes 2006-05-30

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 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.

Three More Plays by Aristophanes - Jeffrey Henderson 2022-04-26

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 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 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 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.

The Ecclesiazusae of Aristophanes - Benjamin Bickley Rogers 2015-07-06
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, 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 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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The Frogs of Aristophanes - Benjamin Bickley Rogers 2018-10-14
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keeping this knowledge alive and relevant.

Aristophanes' Clouds - Aristophanes
1992

English translation of Aristophanes' famous comedy noted for its critique of philosophy, society and education. Includes helpful notes and an introductory essay on Aristophanes, a history of the play and its production, and suggestions for further reading.

Birds and Other Plays - Aristophanes
1998

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 *Women of the Assembly* is a similar usurpation of male power as the women attempt to reform Athenian 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.

Aristophanes Clouds - Aristophanes
1915

Aristophanes - James Robson
2013-10-16

This accessible introduction to the work of one of the world's greatest comic writers tackles key questions posed by 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 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.

Three Plays by Aristophanes - Jeffrey Henderson 2010-03-30

These three plays by the great comic playwright Aristophanes (c. 446-386 BCE), the well-known *Lysistrata*, and the less 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 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 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.