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The Rise of Athens Cambridge University Press

Greek comedy offers a unique insight into the reality of life as a slave, giving this disenfranchised group a 'voice'.

The Feminine Matrix of Sex and Gender in Classical Athens Oxford University Press, USA

This book is a comprehensive introduction to ancient Athens, its topography, monuments, inhabitants, cultural institutions, religious rituals, and politics. Drawing from the newest scholarship on the city, this volume examines how the city was planned, how it functioned, and how it was transformed from a democratic polis into a Roman urbs.

Slaves and Slavery in Ancient Greek Comic Drama ReadHowYouWant.com

Reexamining the surviving plays of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, and Aristophanes, the author discusses acting technique, scenery, the power and range of the chorus, the use of theatrical

space, and parody in their plays. This edition includes notes on ancient mime and puppetry and how to read Greek playtexts as scripts.

The Acharnians of Aristophanes Infobase Publishing

Examines the changes in Athenian culture at the end of the fifth century BC.

Knights Infobase Publishing

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.

Athenaze Routledge

Containing 250 entries, each volume of the Dictionary of World Biography contains examines the lives of the individuals who shaped their times and left their mark on world history. Much more than a 'Who's Who', each entry provides an in-depth essay on the life and career of the individual concerned. Essays commence with a quick reference section that provides basic facts on the individual's life and achievements, and conclude with a fully annotated 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.

The Birds and Other Plays University of Texas Press

This volume, comprising 24 essays, aims to contribute to a developing appreciation of the capacity of rhetoric to reinforce affiliation or disaffiliation to groups. To this end, the essays span a variety of ancient literary genres (i.e. oratory, historical and technical prose, drama and poetry) and themes (i.e. audience-speaker, laughter, emotions, language, gender, identity, and religion).

The Language of Greek Comedy Cambridge University Press

Capturing the antic outrageousness and lyrical brilliance of antiquity's greatest comedies, Aaron Poochigian's *Aristophanes: Four Plays* brings these classic dramas to vivid life for a twenty-first century audience. The citizens of ancient Athens enjoyed a freedom of speech as broad as our own. This freedom, *parrhesia*, the right to say what one pleased, how and when one pleased, and to whom, had no more fervent champion than the brilliant fifth-century comic playwright Aristophanes. His plays, immensely popular with the Athenian public, were frequently crude, even obscene. He ridiculed the great and the good of the city, showing up their hypocrisy and arrogance in ways that went far beyond the standards of good taste, securing the ire (and sometimes the retaliation) of his powerful targets. He showed his contemporaries, and he teaches us now, that when those in power act obscenely, patriotic obscenity is a fitting response. Aristophanes's satirical masterpieces were also surpassingly virtuosic works of poetry. The metrical variety of his plays has always thrilled readers who can access the original Greek, but until now, English translations have failed to capture their lyrical genius. Aaron Poochigian, the first poet-classicist to tackle these plays in a generation, brings back to life four of Aristophanes's most entertaining, wickedly crude, and frequently beautiful lyric comedies—the pinnacle of his comic art: · *Clouds*, a play famous for its caricature of antiquity's greatest philosopher, Socrates; · *Lysistrata*, in which a woman convinces her female compatriots to withhold sex from their warmongering lovers unless they negotiate peace; · *Birds*, in which feathered creatures build a great city and become like gods; · and *Women of the Assembly*, Aristophanes's most revolutionary play, which inverts the norms of gender and power. Poochigian's new rendering of these comic masterpieces finally gives contemporary readers a sense of the subversive pleasure Aristophanes's original audiences felt when they were first performed on the Athenian stage.

A Study Guide for Aristophanes's "Lysistrata" Liveright Publishing

This book illuminates the distinctive character of our modern understanding of the basis and value of free speech by contrasting it with the very different form of free speech that was practised by the ancient Athenians in their democratic regime. Free speech in the ancient democracy was not a protected right but an expression of the freedom from hierarchy, awe, reverence and shame. It was thus an essential ingredient of the egalitarianism of that regime. That freedom was challenged by the consequences of the rejection of shame (*aidos*) which had served as a cohesive force within the polity. Through readings of Socrates's trial, Greek tragedy and comedy, Thucydides's *History*, and Plato's *Protagoras* this volume explores the paradoxical connections between free speech, democracy, shame, and Socratic philosophy and Thucydidean history as practices of uncovering.

The Ancient World Routledge

Excerpt from *The Acharnians* of Aristophanes: Acted at Athens at the Lenaean Festival, B. C. 425; The Greek d104 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 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

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[The Facts on File Companion to Classical Drama](#) Routledge

This vibrant collection of verse translations of Aristophanes' works-*featuring Clouds, Women at the Thesmophoria* (or *Thesmophoriazusae*), and *Frogs*-combines historical accuracy with a sensitive attempt to capture the rich dramatic and literary qualities of Aristophanic comedy. Including expansive introductions to each play, as well as detailed explanatory notes and an illuminating appendix, this volume presents fresh interpretations of three key works from one of the most original playwrights in the entire Western tradition.

Aristophanes Cambridge University Press

Laugh out loud! Aristophanes' hilarious satire, as dramatic and effective now as in fifth-century Athens.

Encyclopedia of the Ancient Greek World Cambridge University Press

The Acharnians/The Clouds/Lysistrata 'We women have the salvation of Greece in our hands'

Writing at a time of political and social crisis in Athens, the ancient Greek comic playwright Aristophanes was an eloquent, yet bawdy, challenger to the demagogue and the sophist. In *Lysistrata* and *The Acharnians*, two pleas for an end to the long war between Athens and Sparta, a band of women on a sex strike and a lone peasant respectively defeat the political establishment. The darker comedy of *The Clouds* satirizes Athenian philosophers, Socrates in particular, and reflects the uncertainties of a generation in which all traditional religious and ethical beliefs were being challenged. Translated with an Introduction and Notes by Alan H. Sommerstein

The Sacrifice of Socrates Routledge

Aristophanes, the celebrated Greek comic poet, is famous for his plays on contemporary themes, in which he exercises fierce political satire. Ancient political comedy made ample use of comically significant proper names - much as is the case in modern satire. Comic names used by Aristophanes for his satirical targets (public figures, everyday Athenians) provide the main subject of this book, which addresses questions such as why particular names are chosen (or invented), and how they relate to the plays' characters and themes.

The Oxford Handbook of Greek and Roman Comedy Classical Press of Wales

The contributions to this volume illustrate how the linguistic study of Greek comedy can deepen our knowledge of the intricate connections between the dramatic texts and their literary and socio-cultural environment. Topics discussed include the relationship of comedy and iambus, the world of Doric comedy in Sicily, figures of speech and obscene vocabulary in Aristophanes, comic elements in tragedy, language and cultural identity in fifth-century Athens, linguistic characterization in Middle Comedy, the textual transmission of New Comedy, and the interaction of language and dramatic technique in Menander. Research in these topics and in related areas is reviewed in an extensive bibliographical essay. While the main focus is on comedy, the diversity of the approaches adopted (including narratology, pragmatics, lexicology, dialectology,

sociolinguistics, and textual criticism) ensures that much of the work applies to different genres and is relevant also to linguists and literary scholars.

The Acharnians of Aristophanes BRILL

The history of European drama began at the festivals of Dionysus in ancient Athens, where tragedy, satyr-drama and comedy were performed. Understanding this background is vital for students of classical, literary and theatrical subjects, and Alan H. Sommerstein's accessible study is the ideal introduction. The book begins by looking at the social and theatrical contexts and different characteristics of the three genres of ancient Greek drama. It then examines the five main dramatists whose works survive - Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes and Menander - discussing their styles, techniques and ideas, and giving short synopses of all their extant plays. Additional helpful features include succinct coverage of almost sixty other authors, a chronology of significant people and events, and an anthology of translated texts, all of which have been previously inaccessible to students. An up-to-date study bibliography of further reading concludes the volume. Clear, concise and comprehensive, and written by an acknowledged expert in the field, *Greek Drama and Dramatists* will be a valuable orientation text at both sixth form and undergraduate level.

[Theater of the People](#) Penguin UK

Surveys important Greek and Roman authors, plays, characters, genres, historical figures and more.

Early Socratic Dialogues Gale, Cengage Learning

Combining the best features of traditional and modern methods, *Athenaze: An Introduction to Ancient Greek 3/e*, provides a unique, bestselling course of instruction that allows students to read connected Greek narrative right from the beginning and guides them to the point where they can begin reading complete classical texts. Carefully designed to hold students' interest, the course begins in Book I with a fictional narrative about an Attic farmer's family placed in a precise historical context (423-431 B.C.). This narrative, interwoven with tales from mythology and the Persian Wars, gradually gives way in Book II to adapted passages from Thucydides, Plato, and Herodotus and ultimately to excerpts of the original Greek of Bacchylides, Thucydides, and Aristophanes' *Acharnians*. Essays on relevant aspects of ancient Greek culture and history are also woven throughout.

The Rhetoric of Unity and Division in Ancient Literature Oxford University Press, USA

When Athenians suffered the shame of having lost a war from their own greed and foolishness, around 404 BCE the public's blame was directed at Socrates, a man whose unique appearance and behavior, as well as his disapproval of the democracy, made him a ready target. Socrates was subsequently put on trial and sentenced to death. However, as René Girard has pointed out, no individual can be held responsible for a communal crisis. Plato's *Apology* depicts Socrates as both the bane and the cure of Greek society, while his *Crito* shows a sacrificial Socrates, what some might consider a *pharmakos* figure, the human drug through whom Plato can dispense his philosophical remedies. With tremendous insight and satisfying complexity, this book analyzes classical texts through the lens of Girard's mimetic mechanism.

[Frogs and Other Plays](#) Forgotten Books

Discusses the people, places and events found in over 2,000 years of Greek civilization.