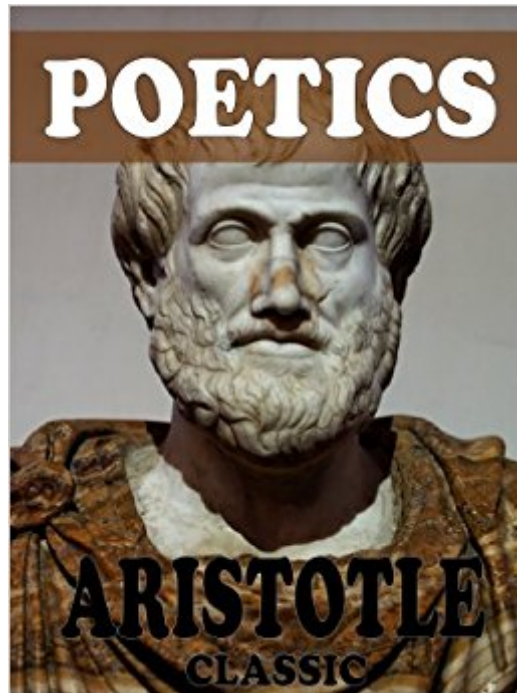




The book was found

Poetics (With Active Table Of Contents)



Synopsis

Aristotle's Poetics is the earliest-surviving work of dramatic theory and the first extant philosophical treatise to focus on literary theory. In it, Aristotle offers an account of what he calls "poetry" (a term which in Greek literally means "making" and in this context includes drama—comedy, tragedy, and the satyr play—as well as lyric poetry, epic poetry, and the dithyramb). He examines its "first principles" and identifies its genres and basic elements. His analysis of tragedy constitutes the core of the discussion. The work was lost to the Western world and often misrepresented for a long time. It was available through the Middle Ages and early Renaissance only through a Latin translation of an Arabic version written by Averroes.

Book Information

File Size: 212 KB

Print Length: 59 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 1514326914

Simultaneous Device Usage: Unlimited

Publication Date: August 9, 2011

Sold by: Amazon Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B005GQ888E

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #510,787 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #130

in Kindle Store > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy > Methodology #2989 in Kindle Store >

Kindle eBooks > Reference > Words, Language & Grammar #5047 in Kindle Store > Kindle

eBooks > Nonfiction > Politics & Social Sciences > Philosophy

Customer Reviews

Do not buy the 2011 Witch Books edition of the Poetics (says the publisher is CreateSpace, but the book itself says Witch Books). Get the Penguin edition instead. has oddly put all editions of Aristotle's Poetics under the same set of reviews. As a result, I read reviews for other editions

(possibly including the Penguin and Dover editions, but sometimes it is unclear from the review), but purchased the edition published in 2011 by Witch Books. I obviously wasn't paying close enough attention, because I saw reviews for the Penguin edition and assumed this was the Penguin edition. This was the only non-Kindle version of the Poetics that showed up on the entire first page of search results for "Aristotle Poetics." The Penguin edition only shows up if I specifically search "Aristotle Poetics Penguin." The Witch Books edition of the Poetics is terrible, and I would suggest that you go out of your way to avoid purchasing it. It is an old translation (presumably in the public domain) by S. H. Butcher, who, we are informed quite strangely in an image of the man's New York Times obituary, died in 1911. The image itself, and all images in the book including the cover, is of a very low digital quality (though the obituary is of such especially low quality that I can't even read the text below the headline), as the publisher apparently did not know how to select images of high enough digital resolution to properly print them on paper. We are also treated to an image of a bust of Socrates. Why a bust of Socrates? Well, after all, Socrates is basically Aristotle. The book has no introduction and, in case you noticed another reviewer mentioning a "wonderful and wonderfully annotated translation," this is not it and there are no footnotes whatsoever. Already on the first page there are typos and awkward misuses of punctuation: "They differ, however, from one:another in three respects, -- the medium, the objects, the manner or mode of imitation..." On the back cover we are treated to a quote from Aaron Sorkin, acclaimed author of The Social Network, whose recent article in Esquire entitled "The Meaning of Life" praises the value of the Poetics for writers. This quote, in an ugly font, completes the experience of this book as an unprofessional publication of a public domain translation that somehow has managed to become the first search result on for "Aristotle Poetics." (Note: I direct your attention to the review posted directly below mine entitled "All You Need to Know," including the very Aaron Sorkin quote just mentioned, and posted two days after the Witch Books edition was published. It was written by the publisher of the Witch Books edition. If you don't believe me, "Look Inside" that book and compare the names.) EDIT: Since I originally wrote this review, has thankfully begun to separate different editions of the Poetics (and possibly all books) into separate entries. As a result, people will no longer purchase this edition thinking they are buying the Penguin edition. My review of this particular edition stands.

If you are a fan of classic texts and want to find out what Aristotle had to say on drama, by all means buy this. HOWEVER, if you're a screenwriter looking to hone your craft, no honest person can say that this is a guide --interesting peripheral reading, perhaps. I bought it based on a quote by Aaron Sorkin. With all due respect to Mr. Sorkin, although it's a lot cooler to quote Aristotle than it is to

quote McKee, Turby, Walter or Ejri, it will help you a LOT more to read any of those books.

Oh, what hubris to think I can comment on, let alone critique, Aristotle! So, let me just say this: if you aspire to write plays, and to understand the basic tenets that form the foundation of effective drama, you must read, understand, and absorb this brief work by Aristotle. I recommend you read this book highlighter in hand, because this seminal reference work is full of key concepts you will want to refresh yourself on often until they become second nature.

"The rules are all in a sixty-four-page pamphlet by Aristotle called Poetics. It was written almost three thousand years ago, but I promise you, if something is wrong with what you're writing, you've probably broken one of Aristotle's rules." --Aaron Sorkin, from "The Meaning of Life" Esquire, January 2011

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Poetics (With Active Table of Contents) Gunman's Feud (1920) (Active Table of Contents) The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (37 plays, 160 sonnets and 5 Poetry Books With Active Table of Contents) Nave's Topical Bible, updated with active Table of Contents The Complete Works of Saint Augustine: The Confessions, On Grace and Free Will, The City of God, On Christian Doctrine, Expositions on the Book Of Psalms, ... (50 Books With Active Table of Contents) On The Principal Articles Of The Christian Religion: Commenced By The Author Chiefly For The Purpose Of Forming A System Of Divinity (With Active Table of Contents) Christian Classics: Six books by Charles Spurgeon in a single collection, with active table of contents [Annotated] Calvin's Complete Bible Commentaries (With Active Table of Contents in Biblical Order) The Works of John Owen: The Mortification Of Sin, Catechisms, Of Justification by Faith, Pneumatologia, Of Communion with God the Father, Son and Holy ... (27 Books With Active Table of Contents) The Westminster Confession of Faith (with proof texts and active table of contents) The Works of Richard Baxter: The Reformed Pastor, The Causes and Danger of Slighting Christ and His Gospel, Saints' Everlasting Rest, A Call to the Unconverted ... (4 Books With Active Table of Contents) The Works of Ellen G. White: Steps to Christ, The Acts of the Apostles, The Desire of Ages, The Great Controversy Between Christ and Satan, The Story of ... (5 Books With Active Table of Contents) Roget's Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases - Super 2011 Edition (With Active Table of Contents) Buddhist Sutras: The ULTIMATE Collected Works of 10 Famous Sutras (With Active Table of Contents) The Old Forest Ranger; Or, Wild Sports of India on the Neilgherry Hills, in the Jungles and on the Plains (1842) (Active Table of Contents) The Greatest Hits of Charles Dickens (Five Books with active table of contents) Forty-two

Years Amongst the Indians and Eskimo: Pictures from the Life of the Right Reverend John Horden, First Bishop of Moosonee (1893) (Active Table of Contents) Poetics: With the Tractatus Coislinianus, Reconstruction of Poetics II, and the Fragments of the On Poets (Bk. 1) The Art of the Table: A Complete Guide to Table Setting, Table Manners, and Tableware Pivot Tables: Pivot Table Basics, Pivot Table Essentials, Data Crunching, Master Pivot Tables, Learn Pivot Tables. Pivot Table Tricks, Tips, Secrets, Shortcuts, Made Easy, Pivot Tables for Beginners

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)