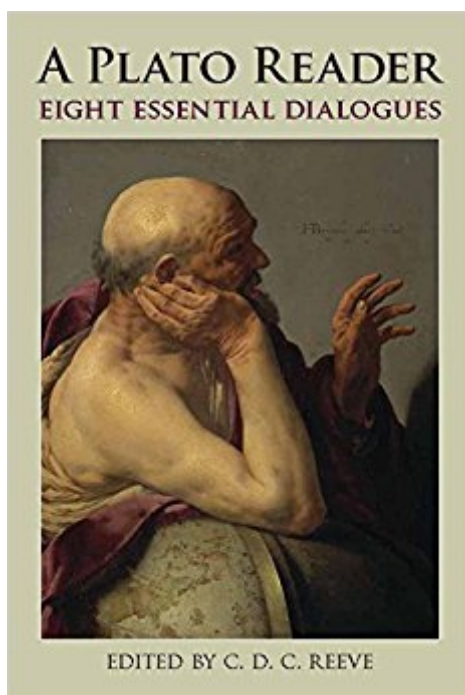


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Very readable. Just what I was looking for.

great quality!

...these ones are accurate. Stonemason or not, Socrates by no means speak like an educated Victorian. And if you must read only 8 of his many classic works, this is good enough a selection.

I assigned this book for my class because in one volume it contains all the dialogues I wanted the students to read. When I started using it, however, I was very disappointed in the editing. First, it has notes, but they are not always in the places where students need them. Crucially, it is missing any sort of notes in the Apology to mark the three phases of the trial. It has a break in between the phases, but it also has identical breaks elsewhere. After reading this edition, my students had no idea that Socrates was not giving one long, uninterrupted speech. Second, the translation of the Republic in this book changes the whole dialogue from a report narrated by Socrates to performed speech with occasional descriptions of what the characters are doing. Some people will not care about this change, but I think it is a mistake to change the format of any text when there is no problem translating it into English without the change. It stops the reader from asking why Plato chose the format he did. Even if you disagree with my second complaint, however, I still do not recommend this book because of the first.

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