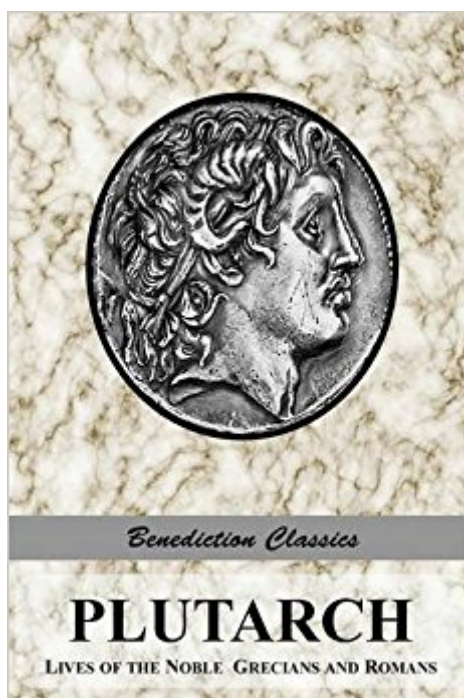


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Customer Reviews

Many of the books I read and have reviewed are light, fun to read, fiction books. This is not one of those. This is something I want to study in my spare time. It is a classic book from the beginning of the second century AD written about lives of people from many centuries earlier. You have to be interested in the history of ancient Greece and Rome. Plutarch gives an overview of what was known in his day from earlier historians and oral tradition. He presents the different, some times fantastical accounts, available to him. Then he tries to discern how much is myth, how much is history and what the most probable truth was in his opinion. He does the biographies in pairs of lives, one from Greece and one from Rome. He then compares them. It is interesting to me and fills in an area of study I studiously avoided in the past. I have just started reading the lives with the profiles and comparisons of Romulus and Theseus, Numa and Lycurgus. Many of the references are lost on me, but since I am reading it on a kindle app, I can search people, places and terms as I go. I plan to read a pair of lives each week or so, between my light reading.

After reading Montaigne's essays, I wanted to see the original Plutarch for myself. He is fascinating and full of stories, some of which I had heard of before, like the Spartan boy who didn't flinch as a

fox he had hidden under his cloak ate his stomach out and killed him. I'm not done with Plutarch yet, but I love what I've read and will now go and read some more. He makes the ancient world of the Greeks and Romans come alive for me, as he did for Montaigne.

Plutarch is someone who should be read by anyone who is a history buff, especially if they are interested in the Romans and Greeks. He gives a really fine comparison between similar types of people in both of these societies. Remember these were the societies which formed our western civilization. I would have to imagine that this is required reading in an ancient history studies. If it isn't, it should be. It's free, so try it. You can always erase it if you don't find it as interesting as I did.

A classic! A lot has been written about Plutarch's Lives, so I will not attempt to reiterate what other reviewers have already said (probably better than I would). If you are a serious classicist, this is a must read. Very enjoyable and insightful.

The click-on descriptors for this book are irrelevant. This is a classic for the ages, and while the binding was quite faded (obviously spent time in the sun) for a 75-yr-old volume it was in exquisite condition, the paper fully intact and supple unlike many books from that era. The content, of course I have read before, and is an inspiration to virtue for all mankind forever.

A very interesting read about some important folks, some of very high moral character, others who are quite the opposite, and others who were a mixture of both; is it not even so now among the "important" people of this world? Plutarch, of course, did not write in a modern style; he produced some long sentences and paragraphs. However, it is worth making the effort to adjust to and appreciate the ways of an earlier age of literature to learn from this classic essential book.

Great seller

A great read of a classic.

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