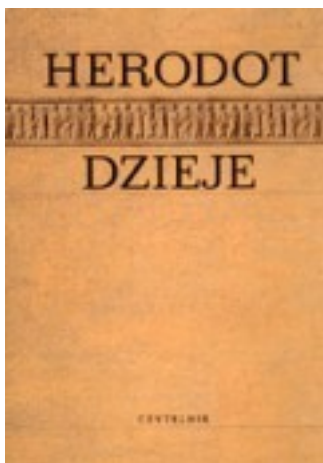

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Insightful reviews

Camille Stein:



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La originalidad de Heródoto se sustancia en la amenidad de la expedición histórica que propone. No es tan relevante la exactitud de los hechos como la intención de involucrarse en el transcurso de los mismos: ser a la vez testigo y protagonista de una realidad que se convierte en aventura literaria, cercana y tremendamente atractiva.

Alcyone: I absolutely adore this book! It is among my top favorites. What I'm sure most people identify it with, if they can identify it at all, is the movie 300. Yes, this book does relate the first, true story of the 300 Spartans and not with comic pictures. It is one of my favorite stories in this book (there are many: suicidal cats, burning of Athens, Croesus and Solon, etc.), but it is far from the baseness of the horribly inaccurate movie.

Grace Tjan: What I learned from this book (in no particular order):

1. Ancient Greeks are quarrelsome and love to waste each other's city-states for the pettiest reasons.
2. From all forms of government known to man, democracy is the best. Tyrants and oligarchs suck.
3. The Persian Empire is a mighty barbarian nation, but being cowardly, effeminate and slavish, it is eventually defeated by the quarrelsome but brave and civilized Greeks.
4. Among the Greeks, the Spartans are the bravest. ~~Gerard Butler with a six-pack~~ King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans heroically perished in the battle of Thermopylae. They also have the particularly icky custom of marrying their own nieces.
5. The Delphic oracles are 100% accurate, except when someone manages to corrupt the Pythoness. The Gods are, however, a jealous sort and would strike any mortal who has the presumption of calling himself happiest on earth. Therefore, one should call no man happy until he is dead.
6. Egypt is a country of wonders, but its citizens' customs and manners are exactly the reverse of the common practice of mankind elsewhere. For example, the women there urinate standing up, while the men sitting down. The country also abounds in strange fauna, among them the hippopotamus --- a quadruped, cloven-footed animal, with the mane and tail of a horse, huge tusks and a voice like a horse's neigh.
7. The Scythians are a warlike nation that practices human sacrifice. The Scythian soldier drinks the blood of the first man that he kills in battle and cuts off all of his enemies' heads, which he must show to the king to get his share of the war booty. They also like to saw off their enemies' skulls, which they make into fancy gold-plated drinking cups.

8. The manners of the Androphagi, being cannibals, are more savage than those of any other race. Darius the Persian smote them.

9. The Atarantians, alone of all known nations, are destitute of names. The title of Atarantians is borne by the whole race in common, but the men have no particular names of their own. They also like to curse the sun because he burns and wastes both their country and themselves.

10. In the Indian desert live ants that are larger than a fox. They like to throw up sand-heaps as they burrow, which are full of gold. This is why India is so rich in gold. In Arabia, there are sheep that have long tails, so long that the shepherds have to make little trucks for their tails. *Really.*

BUT SERIOUSLY,

Herodotus is a consummate storyteller who had a fine eye for the fantastical, although to his credit, he always qualified his more improbable assertions by stating that they are based on hearsay or other sources that he could not wholly verify. Much of the pleasure of reading his book is found in the lush descriptions of long lost nations and their exotic customs. His 'Histories' does not concern itself solely with history in the modern sense, but it is also a book of travelogue, ethnography, zoology, geography and botany. He is an excellent raconteur, almost always entertaining, except when he drones about speculative geography. We can easily imagine him, a man of seemingly inexhaustible curiosity, interviewing Marathon veterans for firsthand battle accounts, or interrogating Egyptian temple priests about their country's history and religion. History for him is not a dry recitation of facts and dates, but an intensely human story acted by a vast cast of monarchs, queens, warriors, tyrants, gods and ordinary citizens. Regicides and rebellions are caused by personal passions, such as in the stories of Caudales and Gyges, and Xerxes and Masistes. Dreams compel Xerxes to invade Greece. Divine intervention decides the course of epic battles.

A skein of tragedy runs through the historical drama that he narrates. The gods are so capricious and jealous that "one should not call a man happy until he is dead." Xerxes, on beholding his massive force on the Hellespont, laments that "not one will be alive when a hundred years are gone by." Yet while man lives his short existence he is capable of epic deeds, and Herodotus chronicled them all.

Kenny: Ah, the elegant egoism of the internets, the place a trifling mortal like me writes a assessment of Herodotus. Obviously, as he's the 1st historian, you need to learn him. no matter if he have been uninteresting and inaccurate, you might want to learn him. yet Herodotus is definitely now not boring, and he is not as faulty as loads of recognized costs from him could make you believe. it truly is sad, yet Herodotus' acceptance for inaccuracy, which he had even within the old world, comes mostly from humans stupidly misreading his maximum strength: while Thucydides and such a lot later historic historians may in simple terms provide the narrative they concept so much plausible, Herodotus generally supplies numerous assorted types of occasions as he heard them from various sources, and tells stories he heard yet which he expressly does not for my part believe. this is often remarkable since it permits us to double-check his work. For example, in 4.42 Herodotus describes the circumnavigation of Africa via the

Egyptians ca. 600; and the aspect he reveals such a lot incredible within the story--that the sailors had the solar to the northward of them as they sailed round the southern tip of Africa--is actual and is now thought of the simplest proof that this type of trip really happened. remarkable ebook nice job, H!

Patrick Gibson: "Only you are going to cross round wearing a duplicate of Herodotus." What did my good friend Richard Halverson suggest via 'only YOU?' Doesn't every body locate the large H. attention-grabbing and funny? My summers as song apprentice at Chautauqua Opera gave me lots and lots of unfastened time and (if you've ever been there, you know) chance to learn issues outdoor any syllabus. whereas looking ahead to a few prima donna director to mount the best 'Turandot' I spent hours buried in 'The Histories.' Now, i'm re-reading this – and discovering it as awesome as before. Herodotus isn't your traditional historian. He makes issues up (my form of guy). He makes use of legends and discussion to give an explanation for things—but nevertheless if it were not for Herodotus there will be no historians. Herodotus' account is vivid, pertinent, exciting, insightful, and infrequently hilarious as he recounts the people, places, customs, and occurrences in early Greece best as much as the Persian invasion. possibly the main significant slice of this booklet bargains with Xerxes and his invasion of Greece. This tale includes the recognized conflict of Thermopylae during which the three hundred Spartans carry the Persians at bay. Herodotus bridged the space among oral tale telling and the extra distinct real money owed of later writers, equivalent to Thucydides. Fantastic, readable if now not thoroughly reliable!

Alex: Herodotus, as advertised, writes with a breezy, conversational, scandalous tone; the Histories should be confusing, and the occasions similar in them are just occasionally of any genuine interest, yet it is enjoyable to only hang around and hear Herodotus inform stories. That said, when you have been to decide on to learn excerpts rather than the whole, i would not pass judgement on you. Over seven hundred pages, all of it begins to run jointly lovely badly. ebook is absolutely fun; Books 6 - eight hide Marathon, Thermopylae, and Salamis, the famous, decisive battles within the Greco-Persian War; that is beautiful cool stuff, and likewise relatively uncomplicated by way of telling a story. just like the Iliad, the Histories are tremendously violent. Take the tale of Zopyros from publication 3, who turns himself right into a Trojan Horse; he mutilates himself to make his tale of being a deserter extra plausible to the Babylonians, then sacrifices 7,000 troops to accumulate credibility with them, prior to eventually betraying them and establishing the gates to Babylon to permit the Persians to retake it. that is a few chilly shit, right? there is lots extra the place that got here from. The Landmark version is pretty much as good as every body says it is. hundreds maps (okay, an totally gratuitous variety of maps, yet so what? each person loves maps) and fascinating aiding photos. The Appendices are of various quality. the most challenge with the Landmark variation is that it truly is espresso table-sized, so it is a overall ache within the ass to read.

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