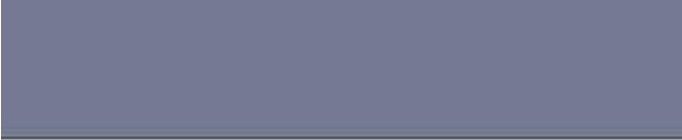

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fade into insignificance.

"Oedipus Rex" is perhaps the best known, most definitive example of such works. It has made such an impact on the world of literature that even today, a patient with certain unnatural urges is regarded as suffering from an "Oedipus Complex".

I don't think spoilers are an issue here - I'm pretty sure anyone who reads this will know what happens long before the end. Essentially, it follows the classic tragedy plot.

A king of Thebes is worried that his son will grow up to murder and supplant him - so to forestall this, he "exposes" him, which means leaving a baby abandoned on the hillside to all weathers with a sword stuck through his feet. The aim of course is to kill him off, but the young baby is found by a childless shepherd, who brings him up as his own. The name "Oedipus" means "swollen foot", deriving from the wound the unfortunate child sustains as a result of this cruelty.

Oedipus has no idea that he's the victim of a "riches to rags" story and grows up pretty happily as a shepherd's son. Unfortunately, the gods can't leave well enough alone, and a weird series of coincidences lead Oedipus to unwittingly fight and kill his father and marry his own mother, Jocasta. When he finds out what he's done, the unfortunate Oedipus punishes himself in spectacular fashion...

Still capable of producing the required catharsis after all these centuries, this is truly a play that everyone should see or read. Go to it, motherfuckers...

OngoingRain: Awesome. I enjoyed this.

Bruce: we know the tale that this play tells; it's been a part of the cultural background that almost all folks have recognized for so long as we will remember, and lots of people have learn it any variety of times. each one analyzing brings new insights, new questions, and instead of inform the tale as soon as again, I like to stay at the techniques and questions that this examining delivered to my mind. Wherein lies the Evil during this play? within the prophecy and, apparently, the determinism of the gods that Oedipus will kill his father and marry his mother? In Oedipus' doing so regardless of his try to keep away from this destiny and his lack of information that he has yet performed what destiny decreed? How can he be held accountable for this? In his try to outwit Fate, in his try and be an self sufficient ethical agent, an test which may be interpreted as hubristic? Why does he blind himself? Out of guilt? Out of a refusal to seem upon his spouse and children, the results of his life's tragic trajectory? Is it an irrational impulse that has no meaning? The play is all approximately seeing, approximately revealing the hidden, and blinding is its antithesis. maybe Oedipus' blinding of himself is a logo of the blindness he worked less than within the past, making a kind of blindness-brief seeing-blindness sequence; perhaps seeing is just too a lot to bear. it truly is fascinating to notice how listening to supplants seeing because the play progresses. And why does Jocasta kill herself, on the grounds that she will rarely be blamed for what has occurred? just because she has angry an incest taboo, albeit unknowingly? Or is that this the ultimate blow for her, the fruits of grief that

begun whilst her boy or girl son used to be taken from her to be uncovered and killed decades before? there are various puzzles during this play past the most obvious puzzle that historical past hides and that's finally revealed. this is often the tale of the overcoming of illusion, of constructing transparent sight. Is seeing in actual fact continuously painful? Is seeing oneself for who one is what we strive tough to prevent (Oedipus' strength of denial, of a nearly willful blindness to the indicators and messages coming to him, is stark)? Is it invaluable for healing, however? can we stay in some way polluted and restricted with out the sight that comes via knowledge, or is wisdom itself a resource of suffering? is that this explanation why we attempt so difficult to distract ourselves, to prevent the tough activity of seeing ourselves with no illusions? How interesting, though, that Oedipus is ready to develop into a unfastened ethical agent, ruled by means of loose will and never via necessity, simply whilst he achieves disillusionment. The gods foretell events, implying determinism, after which carry Thebes accountable for no longer banishing Oedipus. Why do they carry Oedipus in charge and punishable for whatever they decreed and that he did unintentionally, certainly for anything he attempted desperately to avoid? there's a component of destiny or Evil during this play that's past rationality, past understanding. The refrain is all important; its speeches shouldn't be rushed via in an effort to "get to the action." it's the conservative voice of the past, of collective wisdom. From the very starting of the play, the refrain has premonitions of disaster. How is every one people fated? What half does chance, fate, or determinism play in our lives? To what volume can we take accountability for our actions, for the development of our lives? For what are we liable and for what are we not? How does purpose swap our accountability for our actions? In what methods are we ignorant of what we do, to what we now have done, to how those have replaced or stimulated our lives and the lives of others? To what quantity will we stay in perpetual lack of know-how of the consequences of our lives and actions? And when we understand ourselves, will we stay with what we as soon as were, the place we as soon as were, or is all irrevocably changed? At what rate can we study ourselves, of reality? Oedipus earnings such wisdom merely via residing his existence in reverse, relocating from his current into his past. It is simple to work out how texts like this have survived to talk to readers and the watchers of drama via millennia. the subjects are universal, the questions perennial, the mysteries haunting while they're unfathomable.

Yani: No tengo nada nuevo que decir sobre esta obra (para colmo, tengo poca experiencia con estos textos) y contar mucho le quitaría toda l. a. gracia, así que seré muy breve. Existe una creencia basic (experimenté, lo admito) sobre Edipo Rey como sucede con toda esta clase de historias y l. a. mayoría conoce los angeles versión corta. Esta última es inevitablemente trágica e incluso lleva a pensar cosas como "¡pobre tipo, qué mala suerte...!" (yo lo hice l. a. primera vez que escuché los angeles historia, por ejemplo). Ahora que leí los angeles obra puedo afirmar que el asunto es mucho peor. Edipo es el típico ciego que no quiere ver. Tiene l. a. verdad frente a sus ojos, un oráculo que le pesa y un entorno conflictivo. Lo curioso es que el lector ya sabe todo porque l. a. misma obra arma el rompecabezas y resulta imposible despegarse del libro, así como también Edipo no puede huir de su destino. Y leer ese negative y elegant ultimate no fue igual que escucharlo o saberlo gracias a un resumen. Volví a pensar "¡pobre tipo!" pero, esta vez, echarle l. a. culpa a los angeles suerte me pareció demasiado simple.

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