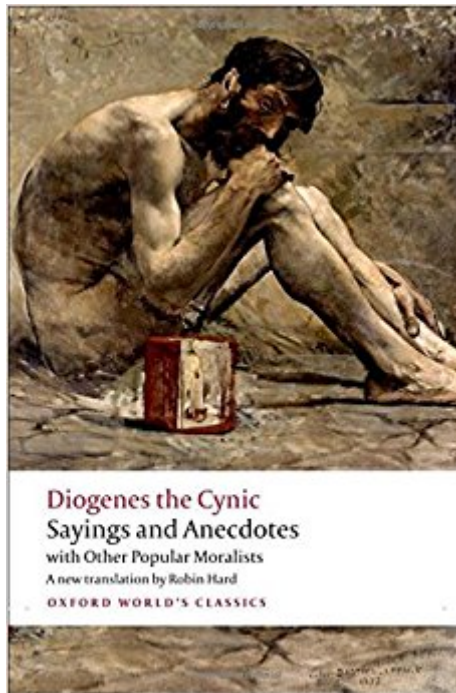




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Diogenes the Cynic is famed for walking the streets with a lamp in daylight, looking for an honest man. His biting wit and eccentric behavior were legendary, and it was by means of his renowned aphorisms that his moral teachings were transmitted. He scorned the conventions of civilized life, and his ascetic lifestyle and caustic opinions informed the Cynic philosophy and later influenced Stoicism. This unique edition also covers his immediate successors, such as Crates, his wife Hipparchia, and the witty moral preacher Bion. The contrasting teachings of the Cyrenaic school, founded by Aristippos, a pleasure-loving friend of Socrates, complete the volume, together with a selection of apocryphal letters. About the Series: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the broadest spectrum of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, voluminous notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

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Customer Reviews

Robin Hard has translated Apollodorus' Library of Greek Mythology and Marcus Aurelius' Meditations and is the author of the Routledge Handbook of Greek Mythology.

There's something special about being aware of Diogenes and what he (and other Cynics) stood for. Another "of Sinope" person of note is Marcion.

Robin Hard has produced an excellent presentation of Cynic Materials from the classical sources. It is written for the non-specialist without a knowledge of classical Attic Greek. It is an Kindle edition, quite readable with a clean, neat presentation of the various texts. There is added an Index of Names and an Index of Themes at the end. The notes are pertinent and explain the Greek puns that do not translate into English, so that the student can share in on the joke. It is a must for any serious student of ancient philosophy. This book separates the factual content from the romantic tales that had accumulated around this very active philosopher of the Ancient Greek World!

I have been waiting for a non-academic compilation of Diogenes's sayings for 6 years, and it is finally here. For this reason my opinion is loaded with bias. If you have ever been interested in the cynic this compilation offers everything.

Essential reading if you are studying the genetics of the Stoic philosophy.

I've read this book countless times. I have gifted it to many of my friends. Highly recommend.

great book

Far from being what's today regarded a "cynic" these sayings and anecdotes are liberating and exhilaration follows in their wake. Embrace them and profit from nothing but sheerly becoming who you are, free from the consensual insanity of our modern world. Ignore them and despair in the vanity of self-dissolution and popular delusion. This is an excellent book and an excellent tonic for the soul. But beware: it's contents are not for cowards, the weak, or those afraid to be lazy enough to put away their popularity via Herculean effort. Diogenes was nicknamed "the Dog" and his followers, of which I most certainly am, were called dog-philosophers. Today they are known as the Cynics, or "kunikoi." This is a philosophy which teaches intense lived-experience and is not for armchair philosophers, which I along with the Dog, despise. Rebellious, self-willed, and ornery, but also witty and above all primal and practical. Bite into the pages of this wonderful book with all the pent-up fury that I know you have as the frustrations which comprise the modern life. I have. Hit me with a stick if you don't like this review, but you cannot ever drive away the wisdom that goes on forever, with or without you.~Marcus

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