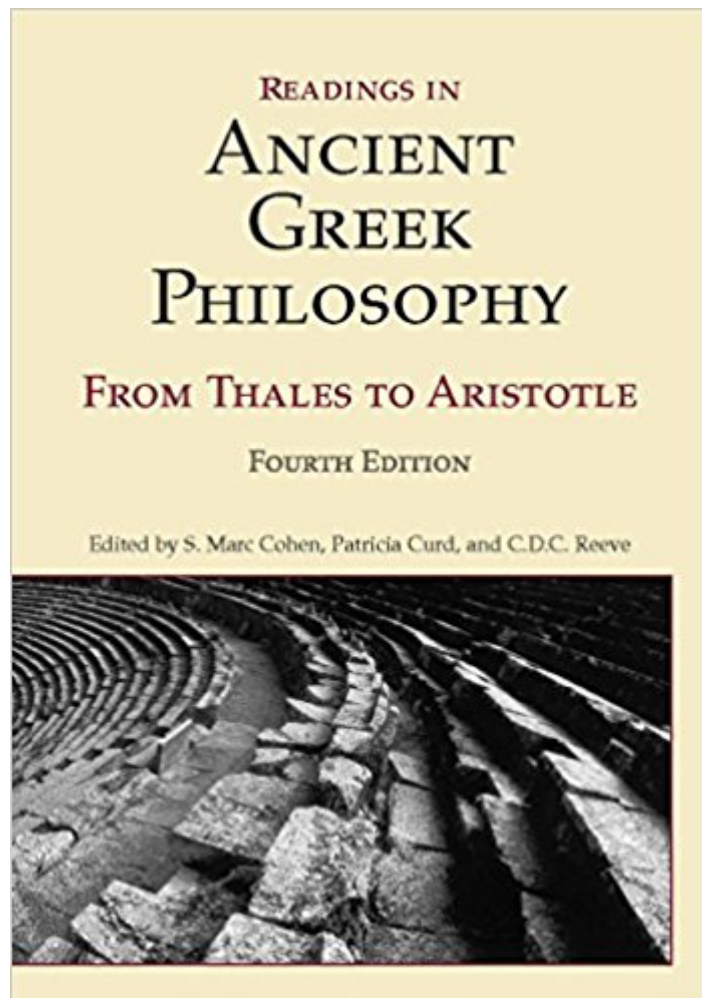




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# **Readings In Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales To Aristotle, 4th Edition**



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Bought this for my husband and he loves this book. It has so much in it about the Greek

philosophers. It is a very thick book and has a lot to digest in it. Great quotes, discussions, and history that is not generally known in regular education manuals on the ancient philosophers. It is interesting to note that these philosophers were able to know and understand that the Earth was round, that atoms existed, that molecules and DNA existed, and some even had supernatural experiences that brought them over the Earth to see the Earth from space. It is all discussed in their writings and how, by their contemplation and inner meditations and outer observations of life, they were able to know so much. Some of these philosophers' lives ended tragically because their ideas were a threat to the cultural patterns of their time. My husband loves this book and reads it every night. He says it helps him appreciate where we were, how our culture formed its ideas, and it connects the dots of our ancient culture to our modern.

Thank you

I purchased this book as part of my ongoing comparative studies of Western and ancient Indian philosophy. This book is an all-in-one stop. It is thorough and comprehensive. Great value. [But font style and size are difficult to read.] Full disclosure: I'm a peer-reviewed researcher of connections between ancient yoga and modern science, as well as between ancient yoga and the Bible. ~ Sanjay C Patel, SanjayCPatel.com

Not complete, but a very good intro to ancient Greek Philosophy. Covers most of the important major works, but leaves out some of the important ones from Plato and Aristotle. I liked the intro to the pieces that gave historical background to what was going on at the time each was written. It adds insight one might not have just reading the works themselves.

This anthology was in its second edition when I was an undergraduate, and now I teach it in my own Introduction to Philosophy course in its fourth. The translations are accessible, the price reasonable, and the texts fun to engage with undergraduates. I'm sticking with Cohen for my introductory courses.

Good comprehensive anthology. Required for a course in ancient Greek philosophy, so I assume the translations are accurate. It has a useful glossary.

Most of the manuscripts and writings that you will find in this book exist absolutely free online. This

book has outstanding merit, however, as they are chronologically listed and are couched in very good scholarship of other people. By purchasing this book, you're getting a lot more resources at your disposal than if you were to just randomly pick up Aristotle or Plato. Many academic philosophy curriculums do not teach philosophy in the order that it progressed. I feel that this is a profound disservice to students, since almost no dialog in philosophy is ahistorical. Reading this book from cover to cover will correct this error and leave one a lot more enlightened. It sure helped me a bunch, anyway.

I liked it.

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