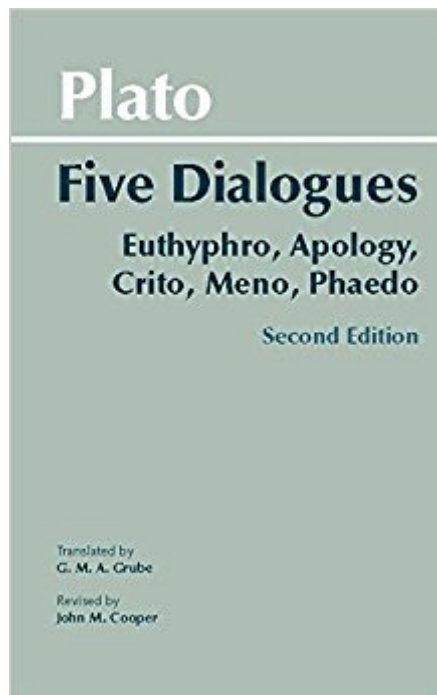




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The philosophies of Socrates and Plato have transcended generations for thousands of years and are still considered the foundation of all modern philosophy. Although the authenticity of even the existence of Socrates is not entirely clear, the dialogs presented by Plato offer a powerful illustration of reason and wisdom presented in an easily read format. Socrates has a remarkable wit and sense about his demeanor; admitting full ignorance yet displaying true wisdom in his manner of questioning. The first dialog with Euthyphro exemplifies the power of clarity and simplification by how quickly Socrates is able to identify contradictory statements in Euthyphro's reasoning merely by asking questions. It is immediately obvious how profound this dialog is shown by Socrates' ability to quickly discover either truth or ignorance, and his intention will give pause to any reader. The Apology and the dialogs with Crito and Meno all further define Socrates' thoughts on life and character encircled around his trial, conviction, and eventual death; each dialog as profound as the next. The concluding dialog with Phaedo is a discussion of Socrates' views on the afterlife, which

includes a powerful rationale for his beliefs. If you seek to explore ideas regarding life and death, this dialog is essential reading. This book is short and easily read yet contains considerable thought provoking material. Among the abundance of books available on philosophy, the Five Dialogs should be among the first for anyone with an interest in the matter.

While only five of the dialogues are included, I regard and urge everyone to read this remarkable little book. Of course the Platonic Dialogues constitute a fundamental foundation upon which all Western philosophy is constructed. To read Plato and Aristotle is to intellectual equip ones self with lens threw which critical reasoning can be pursued. I could read and reread the Apology every month and always find some new insight.

Modern skipping translation. Sometimes the notes of explanation are more perplexing than the language in the text. But the notes are not so frequent that the reader starts doubting her own comprehension of the text.

Perfect condition!

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Nice and new.

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