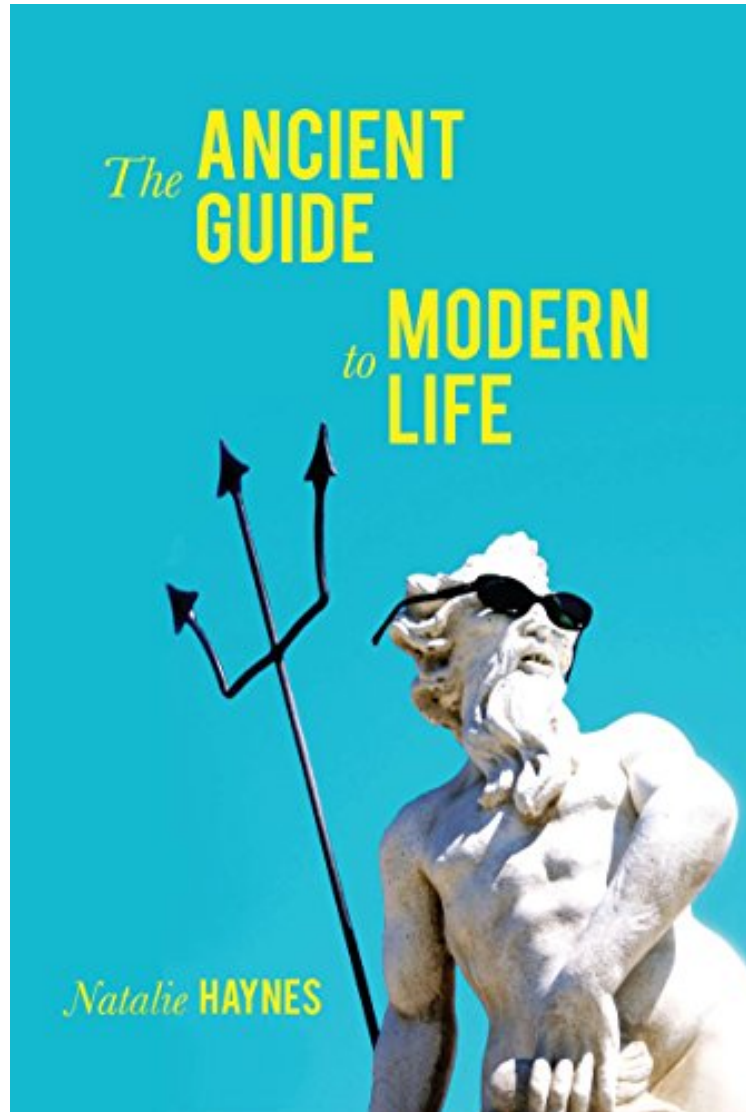


(Read ebook) The Ancient Guide to Modern Life

The Ancient Guide to Modern Life

Natalie Haynes

*DOC | *audiobook | ebooks | Download PDF | ePub*



 Download

 Read Online

#609243 in Books Overlook TP 2012-04-24 2012-04-24 Original language: English PDF # 1 8.00 x .75 x 5.50l, .61 #File Name: 1590208501288 pages | File size: 42.Mb

Natalie Haynes : The Ancient Guide to Modern Life before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ancient Guide to Modern Life:

25 of 27 people found the following review helpful. A Perfect Graduation Present By Gregory F. Taylor Well, we've come a long way since Goethe said that a man who could not draw on three thousand years was living from hand to mouth. If our polls are to be believed, a significant portion of our high school students believe Lincoln led his nation to victory in World War II. With most colleges and universities selling their consumers Yugos for the price of Bentleys, and substituting training for lower middle management for real education, the closest many students get to the Classics

is ordering a Caesar salad in the school cafeteria. For those sadly defrauded youth, help is at last at hand. Natalie Haynes has taken a deep study of Greek, Latin and Ancient History and produced a souffle-light confection with real nutritional value. She combines the felicity of allusion of a good stand-up comic (which she happens to be) with solid connections to the abiding issues which a classical education traditionally addresses. There is good scholarship here, but there is also laugh-out-loud inventiveness and a sharp appreciation of modern movie and TV culture. Most importantly, while providing a delightful entertainment, she whets the appetite for more serious readings, and establishes the framework for their pursuit. I would unreservedly recommend this book to both those fortunate few with a solid background in the Classics, who will much enjoy the wit, and to those only beginning an acquaintance with the treasures of our past, who will cherish the introduction. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By LL Best gift for teens or in-laws! 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This lady is clever and funny. By Desmond Carbery Had great promise. I particularly like Natalie Haynes when I see her speak. She is clever and wise. The book could have been amazing, but it somehow never gets there. I guess in trying to keep it light, it somehow never really gets going in the way I had hoped.

This revelatory book explores modern society while journeying back to the Greeks and Romans -- "will have readers grabbing for the classics" (Kirkus). In this thoroughly engaging book, Natalie Haynes brings her scholarship and wit to the most fascinating true stories of the ancient world. The Ancient Guide to Modern Life not only reveals the origins of our culture in areas including philosophy, politics, language, and art, it also draws illuminating connections between antiquity and our present time, to demonstrate that the Greeks and Romans were not so different from ourselves: is Bart Simpson the successor to Aristophanes? Do the Beckhams have parallel lives with The Satiricon's Trimalchio? Along the way Haynes debunks myths (gladiators didn't salute the emperor before their deaths, and the last words of Julius Caesar weren't "et tu, brute?") from Athens to Zeno's paradox, this irresistible guide shows how the history and wisdom of the ancient world can inform and enrich our lives today.

"A romp through some of the best-known, and some of the more obscure, writers, thought, and stories of Greece and Rome." Times Literary Supplement "Delivered with wonderful energy, wit, zeal, expertise. Irresistible!" Andrew Motion, former UK Poet Laureate "A constantly amusing but quite serious book!" Associated Press About the Author Natalie Haynes appears regularly on BBC Television's Newsnight and BBC Radio 4's Saturday and Front Row. she writes for the Sunday Telegraph, the Mail on Sunday, The New Humanist, and the Times. she earned her degree in classics at Cambridge and has worked as an award-winning stand-up comedian. she lives in London.