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me question the translation (but I don't read ancient Greek so I cannot comment about the translation). My favorite parts were Solon's poem addressing the Athenians after he settled the conflict between the upper and lower classes, and the prescription of their judicial system (they really cared about justice). This is the first Greek text that I've read and I think it's a perfect introduction to Greek culture. I created a Greek Reading list as I read and look forward reading more Greek texts. (The writing is kind of slow sometimes, but that's par for course with ancient text.) There's a very good chance I will give this a 2nd reading.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. IncredibleBy MikeThis was one of our texts for Ancient Political Thought class, and one would need a professor to help you analyze its incredible depth, scope and influence these works have on our modern, western thought. A Human treasure.9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Good in print but e version is terribleBy CustomerThis is a good book in paperback but terrible on Kindle. In the beginning,the author refers to columns of information to be used for finding information in the book. On Kindle these columns are rendered as one thin vertical column which is totally unintelligible. Worse than this you cannot jump from section to section using the controller, you have to go page by page or know some key-word, go to the menu, and do a search. This is a reference book which is very hard to reference on Kindle. I strongly recommend buying the paperback version.

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Language NotesText: English, Greek (translation)About the AuthorAristotle was born in Macedonia in 384 bc. For twenty years he studied at Athens in the academy of Plato, before becoming tutor of the young Alexander the Great. When Alexander became king of Macedonia in 336, Aristotle returned to Athens and founded his own school and research institute, the Lyceum. Aristotle fled to Calcis in 323 in the aftermath of Alexander's death, where he died a year later. P. J. Rhodes is Professor of Ancient History at Durham University, and is a Fellow of the British Academy. His major work is *Commentary on the Aristotelian Athenation Politeia*.