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The Sophist sets out to explain what the sophist does by defining his art. But the sophist has no art. Plato lays out a challenging puzzle in metaphysics, the nature of philosophy, and the limitation of philosophy that is

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unraveled in this new and unconventional interpretation. The Sophist is presented now not as an artefact of the intellectual past or precursor of late 20th century philosophical theories, but as living philosophy. In a new translation and interpretation, this late dialogue is

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shown to be a defense of not a departure from Plato's metaphysics. The book is intended to provide a complete interpretation of Plato's Sophist as a whole. Central to the methodology adopted is the assumption that all elements of the dialogue to be understood must be

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understood in the context of the dialogue as a whole and in its relation to other works in the Platonic corpus. In this book, Marina McCoy explores Plato's treatment of the rhetoric of philosophers and sophists through a thematic treatment of six different Platonic dialogues, including Apology,

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Protagoras, Gorgias, Republic, Sophist, and Phaedras. She argues that Plato presents the philosopher and the sophist as difficult to distinguish, insofar as both use rhetoric as part of their arguments. Plato does not present philosophy as rhetoric-free, but rather shows that

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rhetoric is an integral part of the practice of philosophy.

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There are no descriptions of time, place or persons, in the Sophist and

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Statesman, but we are plunged at once into philosophical discussions; the poetical charm has disappeared, and those who have no taste for abstruse metaphysics will greatly prefer the earlier dialogues to the later ones. Plato is conscious of the change, and in the Statesman (286 B)

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expressly accuses himself of a tediousness in the two dialogues, which he ascribes to his desire of developing the dialectical method.

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Theaetetus, the Sophist, and the Statesman are a trilogy of Platonic dialogues that show Socrates

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formulating his conception of philosophy as he prepares the defense for his trial. Originally published together as *The Being of the Beautiful*, these translations can be read separately or as a trilogy. Each includes an introduction, extensive notes, and comprehensive

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commentary that examines the trilogy's motifs and relationships. "Seth Benardete is one of the very few contemporary classicists who combine the highest philological competence with a subtlety and taste that approximate that of the ancients. At the same time, he has set himself the

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entirely modern hermeneutical task of uncovering what the ancients preferred to keep veiled, of making explicit what they indicated, and hence...of showing the naked ugliness of artificial beauty."—Stanley Rose, Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal
Seth Benardete (1930-2001) was

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professor of classics at New York University. He was the author or translator of many books, most recently *The Argument of the Action*, Plato's "Laws," and Plato's "Symposium," all published by the University of Chicago Press.
The Sophist & The Statesman

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Being and Not-Being

Plato's Theory of Knowledge

Plato's Protagoras, Euthydemus,

Hippias and Cratylus

The Works of Plato: Meno.

Euthydemus. The sophist. The

statesman. Cratylus. Parmenides. The

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A fluent and accurate new translation of the dialogue that, of all Plato's works, has seemed to speak most directly to the interests of contemporary and analytical philosophers. White's extensive introduction explores the dialogue's central themes, its connection with related discussions in other dialogues, and its

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implicaiton for the interpretation of Plato's metaphysics.

This book consists of a selection of papers which throw new light on old problems in one of Plato's most difficult dialogues.

The papers included fall into three broad categories: a) those dealing directly with the ostensible aim of the dialogue, the

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various definitions of a sophist from different perspectives (T. Robinson, F. Casadesús, J. Monserrat-P. Sandoval, A. Bernabé, M. Narcy and K. Dorter ; b) a number which tackle a specific question brought up in the dialogue, and that is, how Plato relates to Heraclitus and to Parmenides in the matter of his

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understanding of being and non-being (E. Hülsz, D. O'Brien, B. Bossi, P. Mesquita and N. Cordero) ; and c) those discussing various other broad issues brought to the fore in the dialogue, such as the 'greatest kinds', true and false statement, difference and mimesis (F. Fronterotta, J. de Garay, D. Ambuel and L.

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Palumbo). The variety of schools and backgrounds of the authors makes this book unique as a tool for the appreciation of the different approaches possible to well-known hermeneutical problems. The present monograph on Plato's Sophist developed from series of lectures given over a number of years to honours and

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graduate philosophy classes in the University of Waterloo. It is hoped that it will prove a useful guide to anyone trying to come to grips with, and gain a perspective of Plato's mature thought. At the same time my study is addressed to the specialist, and I have considered at the appropriate places a good deal of the

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scholarly literature that has appeared during the last thirty years. In this connection I regret that some of the publications which came to my notice after my work was substantially completed (such as KamIah's and Sayre's) have not been referred to in my discussion. As few philosophy students nowadays are

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familiar with Greek I have (except in a few footnotes) translated as well as transliterated all Greek terms. Citations from Plato's text follow Cornford's admirable translation as closely as possible, though the reader will find some significant deviations. The most notable of these concerns the key word on which I

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have rendered throughout as "being," thus avoiding Cornford's "existence" and "reality" which tend to prejudge the issues which the dialogue raises.

The Being of the Beautiful collects Plato's three dialogues, the Theaetetus, Sophist, and Statesmen, in which Socrates formulates his conception of philosophy

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while preparing for trial. Renowned classicist Seth Benardete's careful translations clearly illuminate the dramatic and philosophical unity of these dialogues and highlight Plato's subtle interplay of language and structure. Extensive notes and commentaries, furthermore, underscore the trilogy's

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motifs and relationships. “The translations are masterpieces of literalness. . . . They are honest, accurate, and give the reader a wonderful sense of the Greek.”—Drew A. Hyland, Review of Metaphysics

*The Sophists in Plato's Dialogues
Between the Sophist and the Philosopher*

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Plato's Parmenides

Plato's Theaetetus as a Second Apology

The Unity of Plato's Sophist

Draws out numerous affinities between the sophists and Socrates in Plato's dialogues. Are the

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sophists merely another group of villains in Plato's dialogues, no different than amoral rhetoricians such as Thrasymachus, Callicles, and Polus? Building on a

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wave of recent interest in the Greek sophists, The Sophists in Plato's Dialogues argues that, contrary to the conventional wisdom, there exist important affinities

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between Socrates and the sophists he engages in conversation. Both focused squarely on aret? (virtue or excellence). Both employed rhetorical techniques of refutation,

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revisionary myth
construction, esotericism,
and irony. Both engaged in
similar ways of minimizing
the potential friction
that sometimes arises
between intellectuals and

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the city. Perhaps the most important affinity between Socrates and the sophists, David D. Corey argues, was their mutual recognition of a basic epistemological insight—that appearances

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(phainomena) both physical and intellectual were vexingly unstable. Such things as justice, beauty, piety, and nobility are susceptible to radical change depending upon the

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angle from which they are viewed. Socrates uses the sophists and sometimes plays the role of sophist himself in order to awaken interlocutors and readers from their dogmatic

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slumber. This in turn generates wonder (thaumas), which, according to Socrates, is nothing other than the beginning of philosophy. This translation of

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Plato's Sophist conveys the peculiar nature of the doctrines expressed in the Greek text, and it includes an introduction that attempts - without recourse to contemporary

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technical philosophical ideas - to explain these doctrines from the perspective of how Plato's philosophy was understood by Aristotle and the ancient Platonists. For

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this reason the book is especially suitable for use in undergraduate courses on Plato and in introductory courses on the history of ancient philosophy.

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Hegel seemed to find in the Sophist the crown and summit of the Platonic philosophy, here is the place at which Plato most nearly approaches to the Hegelian identity of Being

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and Not-being. Nor will the great importance of the two dialogues be doubted by any one who forms a conception of the state of mind and opinion which they are intended to

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meet. The sophisms of the day were undermining philosophy; the denial of the existence of Not being, and of the connexion of ideas, was making truth and falsehood

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equally impossible.

Plato's Theaetetus and Sophist are two of his most important dialogues, and are widely read and discussed by philosophers for what they reveal about

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his epistemology and particularly his accounts of belief and knowledge. Although they form part of a single Platonic project, these dialogues are not usually presented as a

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pair, as they are in this new and lively translation. Offering a high standard of accuracy and readability, the translation reveals the continuity between these

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dialogues and others in the Platonic corpus, especially the Republic. Christopher Rowe's supporting introduction and notes help the reader to follow the arguments as

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they develop, explaining their structure, context and interpretation. This new edition challenges current scholarly approaches to Plato's work and will pave the way for

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fresh interpretations both of Theaetetus and Sophist and of Plato's writings in general.

The Drama of Original and Image

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Plato's Sophist and Its
Neoplatonic Interpretation

Sophist

A Study of the Sophist

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translation of four of
Plato's dialogue

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as they were understood by Plato's immediate audience. A new and lively translation of two Platonic dialogues widely read and discussed by philosophers, with introduction and notes. Plato's Sophist provides a

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minimum of interpretative paraphrasing while being presented in clear, readable English. Special attention has been given to consistency in translating key Greek terms. The book presents a special list of

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these terms and discusses them in the endnotes. The result is a translation that enables the reader who lacks a knowledge of Greek to get much closer than usual to the original text. Cobb's introduction contains a

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detailed summary of the entire dialogue, clarifying the main themes and the general structure. He offers a fresh interpretation of the dialogue that shows how each theme contributes to the exploration of the

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nature of, and the relation between, philosophy and sophistry. The introduction is particularly useful to first readers of the Sophist.

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The Theaetetus and the

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Plato's Theaetetus, Sophist,
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The Professor of Wisdom

Plato's Account of Falsehood

Stanley Rosen's book is the first

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full-length study of the Sophist in English and one of the most complete in any language. He follows the stages of the dialogue in sequence and offers an exhaustive analysis of the philosophical questions that

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come to light as Theaetetus and the Eleatic Stranger pursue the sophist through philosophical debate. Rosen finds the central problem of the dialogue in the relation between original and image; he shows how this

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distinction underlies all subsequent technical themes and analyzes in detail such problems as non-being or negation and false statement. Arguing that the dialogue must be treated as a dramatic unity,

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he pays careful attention throughout to the setting, the events, the language used, and the relations between the natures of the speakers and the topics under discussion.

Through a comparison of Plato's

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Sophist with its Neoplatonic interpretations, this thesis attempts to identify some important differences between Platonism and pagan Neoplatonism. Plato's philosophy arises out of a reflection upon

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the challenges to meaningful discourse presented by pre-Platonic Hellenic philosophy (especially Eleaticism and sophistry), while Neoplatonism recovers the Platonic corpus for the purposes of its response

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against Ancient Scepticism. In the Sophist, Plato seeks a response to the Sophistic manipulation of the Eleatic contradiction between being and not-being. While the sophist brings the positive and negative

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sides of anything against one another in order to annul any true, coherent statement about anything, Plato seeks the objective unity of these terms so that discourse can be shown to refer to true definitions that

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correspond to true being.
Plotinus reads the Sophist facing
different problems than those
confronting Plato. Plotinus
attempts to complete the
Sceptical refutation of Stoicism
and Epicureanism through a

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deepened understanding of the Sceptical self at rest with itself in its universal rationality.

Paperback. This volume is a new interpretation of Plato's earlier and later Theory of Ideas, starting from a detailed analysis

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of the dialogue, The Sophist. The way in which Plato announces his novel Metaphysics has been puzzling scholars for a long time. Did Plato really introduce Change into the Transcendent World and thus abandon his

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Theory of Unchangeable Forms? Many of Plato's commentators have claimed that the use of modern techniques of logico-semantical analysis can be a valuable aid in unravelling this problem, as well as other

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difficulties Plato raised and attempted to solve. In this commentary, Plato's own logico-semantic approach to metaphysical problems is followed.

Sophist Plato - THEODORUS:

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Here we are, Socrates, true to our agreement of yesterday; and we bring with us a stranger from Elea, who is a disciple of Parmenides and Zeno, and a true philosopher. SOCRATES: Is he not rather a god, Theodorus,

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who comes to us in the disguise of a stranger? For Homer says that all the gods, and especially the god of strangers, are companions of the meek and just, and visit the good and evil among men. And may not your

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companion be one of those higher powers, a cross-examining deity, who has come to spy out our weakness in argument, and to cross-examine us? THEODORUS: Nay, Socrates, he is not one of the

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disputatious sort he is too good for that. And, in my opinion, he is not a god at all; but divine he certainly is, for this is a title which I should give to all philosophers. SOCRATES:
Capital, my friend! and I may add

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that they are almost as hard to be discerned as the gods. For the true philosophers, and such as are not merely made up for the occasion, appear in various forms unrecognized by the ignorance of men, and they

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'hover about cities,' as Homer declares, looking from above upon human life; and some think nothing of them, and others can never think enough; and sometimes they appear as statesmen, and sometimes as

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sophists; and then, again, to many they seem to be no better than madmen. I should like to ask our Eleatic friend, if he would tell us, what is thought about them in Italy, and to whom the terms are applied.

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Plato on the Rhetoric of
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of Plato

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This is an English translation of Plato presenting a new conception of the Theory of Forms. Socrates and others discuss the epistemological and metaphysical puzzles of the Parmenides, with aims to define the meaning of the Sophist. The glossary of

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key terms is a unique addition to Platonic literature by which concepts central to each dialogue are discussed and cross-referenced as to their occurrences throughout the work. In such a way students are encouraged to see beyond the words into concepts. Focus Philosophical Library translations are close to and are

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Two masterpieces of Plato's later period.
The Theaetetus offers a systematic

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treatment of the question "What is knowledge?" The Sophist follows Socrates' cross-examination of a self-proclaimed true philosopher.

This volume reconstructs Martin Heidegger's lecture course at the University of Marburg in the winter semester of 1924-25, which was devoted

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to an interpretation of Plato and Aristotle. Published for the first time in German in 1992 as volume 19 of Heidegger's Collected Works, it is a major text not only because of its intrinsic importance as an interpretation of the Greek thinkers, but also because of its close, complementary relationship to *Being and Time*, composed

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in the same period. In Plato's Sophist, Heidegger approaches Plato through Aristotle, devoting the first part of the lectures to an extended commentary on Book VI of the Nichomachean Ethics. In a line-by-line interpretation of Plato's later dialogue, the Sophist, Heidegger then takes up the relation of Being and non-

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being, the ontological problematic that forms the essential link between Greek philosophy and Heidegger's thought.
The Dialogues of Plato: Parmenides.
Theaetetus. Sophist. Statesman. Philebus
The Sophist

Plato's Sophist

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Image and Paradigm in Plato's Sophist
"The Dialogues of Plato - Sophist"
from Plato. Philosopher in Classical
Greece (427-347).

Of all Plato ' s dialogues, the
Parmenides is notoriously the most
difficult to interpret. Scholars of all

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periods have disagreed about its aims and subject matter. The interpretations have ranged from reading the dialogue as an introduction to the whole of Platonic metaphysics to seeing it as a collection of sophisticated tricks, or even as an

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elaborate joke. This work presents an illuminating new translation of the dialogue together with an extensive introduction and running commentary, giving a unified explanation of the Parmenides and integrating it firmly within the context

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of Plato's metaphysics and methodology. Scolnicov shows that in the Parmenides Plato addresses the most serious challenge to his own philosophy: the monism of Parmenides and the Eleatics. In addition to providing a serious

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rebuttal to Parmenides, Plato here reformulates his own theory of forms and participation, arguments that are central to the whole of Platonic thought, and provides these concepts with a rigorous logical and philosophical foundation. In

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Scolnicov's analysis, the Parmenides emerges as an extension of ideas from Plato's middle dialogues and as an opening to the later dialogues.

Scolnicov ' s analysis is crisp and lucid, offering a persuasive approach to a complicated dialogue. This

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translation follows the Greek closely, and the commentary affords the Greekless reader a clear understanding of how Scolnicov ' s interpretation emerges from the text. This volume will provide a valuable introduction and framework for

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understanding a dialogue that continues to generate lively discussion today.

Marina McCoy explores Plato's treatment of the rhetoric of philosophers and sophists.

An interesting interpretation of Plato's

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dialogue the Sophist.

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knowledge alive and relevant.
Zina Giannopoulou offers a new reading of Theaetetus, Plato's most systematic examination of knowledge, alongside Apology, Socrates' speech in defence of his philosophical practice, and argues that the former text is a philosophical elaboration of the latter.

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Plato, the great philosopher of Athens, was born in 427 BCE. In early manhood an admirer of Socrates, he later founded the famous school of philosophy in the grove Academus. Much else recorded of his life is uncertain; that he left Athens for a time after Socrates' execution is probable;

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that later he went to Cyrene, Egypt, and Sicily is possible; that he was wealthy is likely; that he was critical of 'advanced' democracy is obvious. He lived to be 80 years old. Linguistic tests including those of computer science still try to establish the order of his extant philosophical dialogues, written in

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splendid prose and revealing Socrates' mind fused with Plato's thought. In Laches, Charmides, and Lysis, Socrates and others discuss separate ethical conceptions. Protagoras, Ion, and Meno discuss whether righteousness can be taught. In Gorgias, Socrates is estranged from his

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city's thought, and his fate is impending. The Apology (not a dialogue), Crito, Euthyphro, and the unforgettable Phaedo relate the trial and death of Socrates and propound the immortality of the soul. In the famous Symposium and Phaedrus, written when Socrates was still alive, we find the origin and

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meaning of love. Cratylus discusses the nature of language. The great masterpiece in ten books, the Republic, concerns righteousness (and involves education, equality of the sexes, the structure of society, and abolition of slavery). Of the six so-called dialectical dialogues Euthydemus deals with

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philosophy; metaphysical Parmenides is about general concepts and absolute being; Theaetetus reasons about the theory of knowledge. Of its sequels, Sophist deals with not-being; Politicus with good and bad statesmanship and governments; Philebus with what is good. The Timaeus seeks the origin of

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the visible universe out of abstract geometrical elements. The unfinished Critias treats of lost Atlantis. Unfinished also is Plato's last work of the twelve books of Laws (Socrates is absent from it), a critical discussion of principles of law which Plato thought the Greeks might accept. The Loeb Classical

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Library edition of Plato is in twelve volumes.

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Socrates and the Sophists

Plato: Theaetetus and Sophist

Part II of The Being of the Beautiful