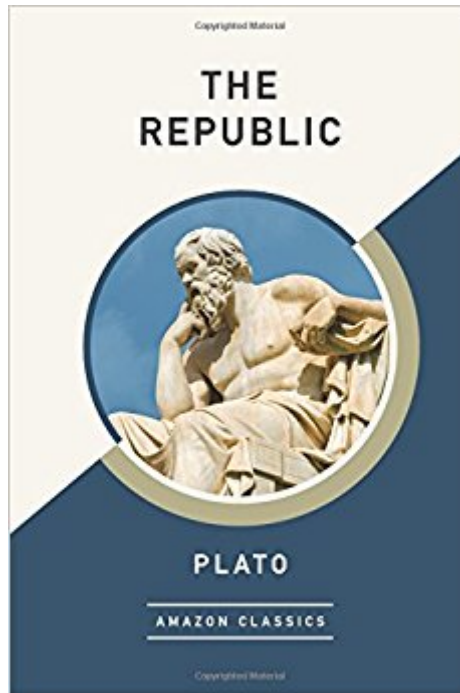




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# The Republic (Classics Edition)



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The son of aristocratic parents, Plato (428 BC – 347 BC) was born in Athens, Greece. Very much influenced by the life, teachings, and even the death of Socrates, and thought to have traveled extensively, Plato ultimately created the Academy (the precursor to what we know as universities), where he taught Aristotle. Plato's work in philosophy – concerning happiness, justice, virtue, ethics, dialectic, the Forms, and more – contributed to the founding principles of modern philosophical, political, literary, and psychological thought across the Western

world.

Tough to read, but worthwhile. The amount of wisdom contain within is immense.

The main points:\* This is a free public domain version. Nice. It appears to be an older translation from the 50s, possibly up to 1960, the earliest publication date I could find for this version in print.\* There is a very nice, lengthy introduction to the work\* The prose is in layman's terms, but is still a very classic style of writing reminiscent of the early 20th century style of prose.\* There are not footnotes or annotations. This is a major drawback. So if you want a free, stripped down, fairly decent version of the Republic, this suffices. I would strongly urge most readers to purchase the following version if they are very interested in analyzing this fine work: The Republic (Penguin Classics) This version has many footnotes and references as well as a good, but not too lengthy introduction. There are other fine versions out there as well. And with a book that is this old with myriad translations, footnotes and references are welcome!

Having read this in college, I wanted to re-read it again. It was easier to follow and understand since it had been dissected in the college course. I still enjoyed it immensely.

I got it

Many people are intimidated by ancient writers such as Plato, but this read is not really that difficult. There is a reason it has lasted as long as it has. I believe it is one of a few books that everyone must read at some point in life. It will shape your understanding (if you allow it to), which will make you a better person.

The influence this classic has had on western society shines through. From justice to democracy pertaining to the self and the state. There's a reason it has withstood the test of time and will continue to do so.

Who am I to criticize Plato.

I'm not a philosopher nor do I study it very much but I do value the classics such as the Republic. As someone who doesn't typically read these sorts of things I did find it difficult and sometimes

confusing but not impossible to understand. If you desire to study the classics this is a decent place to start.

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