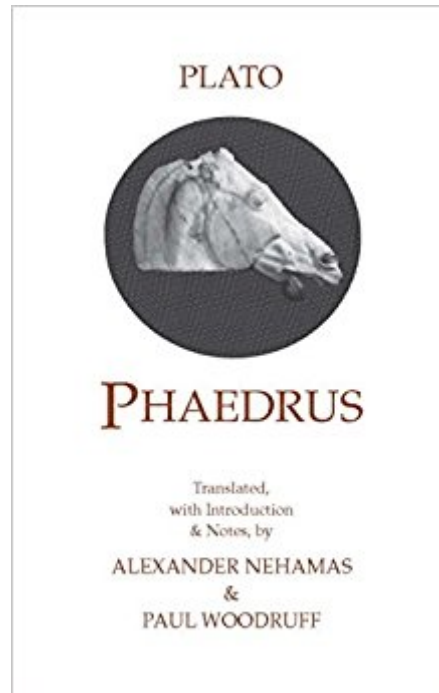




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It is a classic oldie. I got it because Persig identified his alter ego as Phaedrus. And I was curious. I still do not know why the Zen motorcyclist identified with Phaedrus. I do know that Socrates talks about love here and he specifically addresses the question of how one should treat a young boy

that one loves. Things were different then, huh. Or were they? Take out the man-boy relationship used as an example, and there's a lot there about the right way to love someone. Still, I understand why it is not on the Great Books reading list.

This is by far my favorite translation of Phaedrus. The other versions I've read have been to antiquated to give me a good sense of what Plato was writing, but this one was great. On top of that, the introduction made some great arguments about Phaedrus that helped me see its important place in the contemporary rhetorical conversation. This is a great buy!

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Quite the necessary read for anyone in philosophy or rhetoric. Easy to read translation.

Best available translation of Plato's Phaedrus in English. They are as literal as possible and convey the subtleties of the Greek text as if it were originally written in English. I also recommend their companion translation of Gorgias.

This is an excellent translation of the Phaedrus published with an extensive introduction and plenty of contextual footnotes to make reading more pleasant. It should be noted that this is the same translation present in 'Plato: Complete Works' (though here, the introduction shorter and more straightforward, and the footnotes less plentiful).

This is one of the best Plato pieces I've read.

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