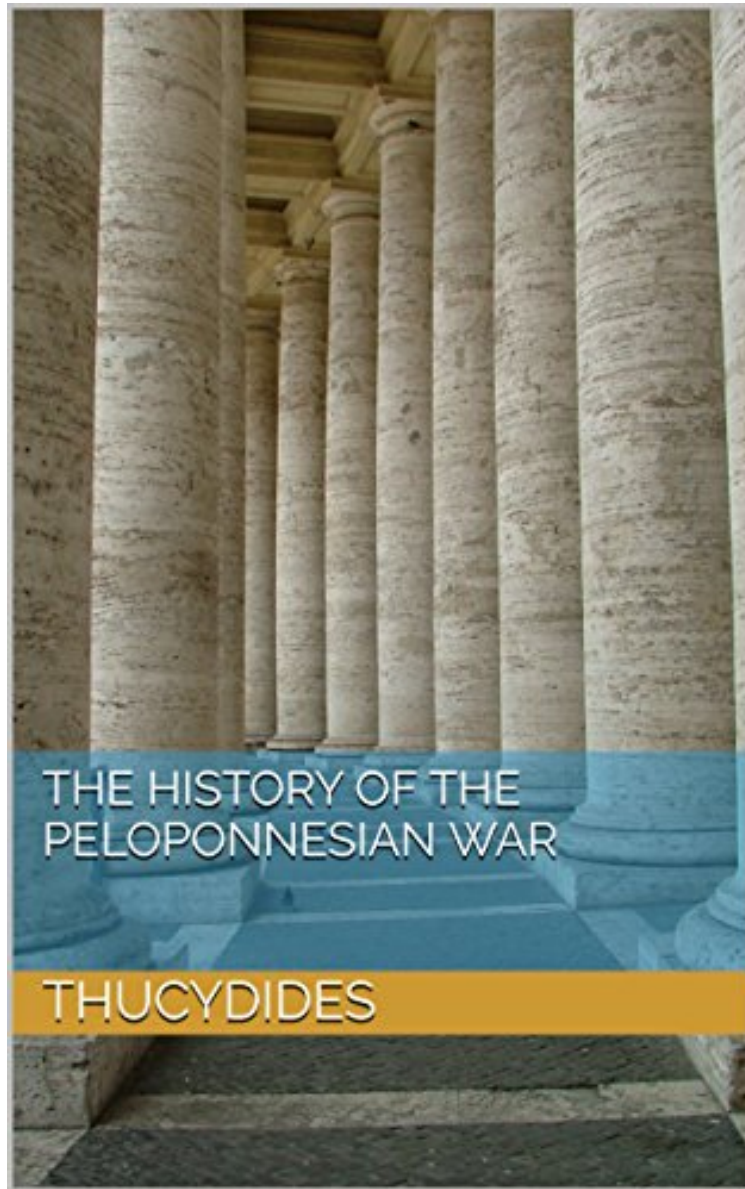


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beautifulVon Ein KundeFrom all the books on politics I have read, this is the wisest, and the most humanistic.Thucydides, is able with virtue of exposition to transmitt the simplicity and honesty of the political articulation of his time. The outstanding speeches of his work are practically the equivalent of Plato's dialogues in expressing ideas: Plato used dialogue as a natural way of philosophical discourse, while Thucydides used the speech as the natural medium of political action and ideas. The line of thought there, is that of realist interpretation of international relations. In this way the author offers a great contribution to western culture, since Plato, Aristotle,the Stoics,Sceptics,Epiqueans, and Cynics they dealt with the politics of the state without particular attention to interstate relations. Thucydides thus is the sole provider of interstate political theory of classical Greece. His exposition of political realism is unsurpassed, and revived (academically) much latter with the work of Nicolo Machiavelli. However Machiavelli, is not able to capture the global thinking Thucydidian mode, his work reduced to local tactics. It is thus a subset of what one reads here, and overall modern political theory could be well understood, in its scopes and limitations from within this work.Also, it is very noteworthy the impartiality of the author, who offers a unique exposition of Spartan political speech (colored by remarkable self restrain and admirable responsibility).For all those with a deep interest in politics, as well as all professionals whose work requires serious thinking,0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Quite fascinating but need time to trudge throughVon BernieI once was in the U.S. Army. As part of our job we were always encouraged to study history to see how people thought and wars were executed. No war is ever the same so what we are reading to learn is the why. There is also how people responded to different tactics and strategies.I found this easy to read as the translation made it appear like we were reading today's news. Not just the acts but the politics of the time. There are great descriptions of the time and place. The only thing that is missing is visual maps to put the places in perspective. Luckily you can get maps of the time off the net as a supplement.I have a paperback edition which is easily navigated and you can place sticky notes in. I also have a kindle version which you can put book marks in. the problem with the kindle is the text-to-speech has a horrible time translating place and people names. The advantage of the kindle is it moves you forward so you do not doddle. I am contemplating a hard copy for the library and reverence.There is enough detail that it may require a second reading after you have digested the first. I am also looking for some good books to tell me what I would have noticed in this book.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Contrary to the first reviewer, I found it AMAZINGLY honest.Von Ein KundeAs I began to read this book, and the insightful remark that people tend to find the past grander than the present was made, I thought I was reading an introduction by a modern author. Thucydides is not only a good author, but an admirably resourceful and analytical philosopher. For instance, when tidal waves were destroying towns, he was keen enough to realize that they were the result of earthquakes, instead of mindlessly writng it off to the wrath of the gods. But this history is by know means dry. His account of the plague in Athens, and the speeches and battles he recorded were all very interesting and at times extroordinarily dramatic. I think this book is the lost treasure of the library, exiled to some remote shelf, not having been checked out since 1985, binding shredded and falling off, but as they say, never judge a book by it's cover.P.S. I'm not flaming any one, but when I read the top review on this page, I was offended. The fact that they (he, she, it)condemned this book without basis, and most likely, without reading it, probably made someone decide not to read this masterpiece.

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