

# THE OEDIPUS PLAYS OF SOPHOCLES

COMPLETE TEXTS OF  
OEDIPUS THE KING  
OEDIPUS AT COLONUS  
ANTIGONE



A REVISED AND UPDATED TRANSLATION BY PAUL ROCHE

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**Sophocles**

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*The Oedipus Plays of Sophocles* Sophocles, 1996-05-01 A collection that includes the complete texts of Sophocles Oedipus the King Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone translated by Paul Roche Revising and updating his classic 1958 translation Paul Roche captures the dramatic power and intensity the subtleties of meaning and the explosive emotions of Sophocles great Theban trilogy In vivid poetic language he presents the timeless story of a noble family moving toward catastrophe dragged down from wealth and power by pride cursed with incest suicide and murder William Carlos Williams called the Roche translation of Antigone brilliantly successful as spirited and powerful as the original must have been Roche s versions of the Oedipus plays are both stunning and sympathetic awe inspiring and intimate and bring the elemental myths of ancient Greece to life for modern readers Included in this edition are a glossary of classical names notes on pronunciation and meter suggestions for production and acting and historical material which offer the reader a greater appreciation of Sophocles dramatic genius

**Oedipus Rex** Sophocles, 1991 One of the greatest of the classic Greek tragedies and a masterpiece of dramatic construction Catastrophe ensues when King Oedipus discovers he has inadvertently killed his father and married his mother Masterly use of dramatic irony greatly intensifies impact of agonizing events Sophocles finest play Oedipus Rex ranks as a towering landmark of Western drama A selection of the Common Core State Standards Initiative

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**The Oedipus Plays of Sophocles** Sophocles, 2015-08-11 The Oedipus Plays of Sophocles Oedipus the King Oedipus at Colonus Antigone Oedipus the King Oedipus the King also known by its Latin title Oedipus Rex is an Athenian tragedy by Sophocles that was first performed about 429 BC It was the second in order of Sophocles s composition of his three Theban

Plays dealing with Oedipus Thematically however it was the first in the plays historical chronology followed by Oedipus at Colonus and then Antigone Oedipus the King tells the story of Oedipus a man who becomes the king of Thebes whilst in the process unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy that he would kill his father Laius and marry his mother Jocasta The play is an example of classic tragedy putting emphasis upon how Oedipus s own faults contribute to his downfall as opposed to the portrayal of fate as the sole cause Over the centuries Oedipus the King has come to be regarded by many as the masterpiece of Greek tragedy Oedipus at Colonus This is the second installment in Sophocles s Theban Plays that chronicles the tragic fates of Oedipus and his family After fulfilling the prophecy that predicted he would kill his father and marry his mother Oedipus blinds himself and leaves Thebes to wander in the wilderness accompanied by his daughters Antigone and Ismene Antigone This is the final installment in Sophocles s Theban Plays following Oedipus Rex and Oedipus at Colonus Oedipus s daughter Antigone deliberately breaks the laws of Thebes when she buries her brother s body and is sentenced to death She clashes with Creon the King of Thebes over what constitutes justice and morality the laws of the state or the laws of the individual

*Oedipus Plays of Sophocles* Oedipus Sophocles,1991

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The three plays of this book Oedipus the King also called Oedipus Tyrannus or by its Latin title Oedipus Rex Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone also known as the Theban plays concern the fate of Thebes during and after the reign of King Oedipus Each of the plays relates to the tale of the mythological Oedipus who killed his father and married his mother without knowledge that they were his parents His family is fated to be doomed for three generations Sophocles wrote the three plays for separate festival competitions many years apart Not only are the Theban plays not a true trilogy three plays presented as a continuous narrative but they are not even an intentional series and contain some inconsistencies among them He also wrote other plays having to do with Thebes such as the Epigoni of which only fragments have survived

### **Oedipus Trilogy**

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Athenian festival of Dionysos at which Sophocles plays were first performed and the characteristic ingredients of Greek drama in performance They conclude with a discussion of the known facts and surviving anecdotes of the playwright s life

Oedipus the King Sophocles,2005-07 Frequently reprinted with the same ISBN but with slightly varying bibliographical details    The Oedipus Plays of Sophocles Paul Woodruff,2018-07-02 Oedipus presents ceaseless paradoxes that have fascinated readers for centuries He is proud of his intellect but he does not know himself and succumbs easily to self deceptions As a ruler he expresses the greatest good will toward his people but as an exile he will do nothing to save them from their enemies Faced with a damning prophecy he tries to take destiny into his own hands and fails Realizing this he struggles at the end of his life for a serenity that seems to elude him In his last misery he is said to illustrate the tragic lament that it is better not to be born or once born better to die young than to live into old age Such are the themes a set of powerful thinkers take on in this volume self knowledge self deception destiny the value of a human life There are depths to the Oedipus tragedies that only philosophers can plumb readers who know the plays will be startled by what they find in this volume There is nothing in literature to compare with the Oedipus plays of Sophocles that let us see the same basic myth through different lenses The first play was the product of a poet in vibrant late middle age the second of a man who was probably in his eighties with the vision of a very old poet still at the height of his powers In the volume s introduciton Paul Woodruff provides historical backdrop to Sophocles and the plays and connections to the contributions by philosophers and classicists that follow    **Oedipus the King** Sophocles,1988-03-31 Dramatizes the story of Oedipus who killed his father and married his mother    *Oedipus the King* Sophocles,2017-07-30 How is this book unique Font adjustments biography included Unabridged 100% Original content Illustrated About Oedipus the King by Sophocles Oedipus the King by Sophocles was first performed around 429 BC Originally to the ancient Greeks the title was simply Oedipus as it is referred to by Aristotle in the Poetics It is thought to have been renamed Oedipus Tyrannus to distinguish it from Oedipus at Colonus In antiquity the term tyrant referred to a ruler but it did not necessarily have a negative connotation Of his three Theban plays that have survived and that deal with the story of Oedipus Oedipus Rex was the second to be written However in terms of the chronology of events that the plays describe it comes first followed by Oedipus at Colonus and then Antigone Prior to the start of Oedipus Rex Oedipus has become the king of Thebes while unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy that he would kill his father Laius the previous king and marry his mother Jocasta whom Oedipus took as his queen after solving the riddle of the Sphinx The action of Sophocles play concerns Oedipus search for the murderer of Laius in order to end a plague ravaging Thebes unaware that the killer he is looking for is none other than himself At the end of the play after the truth finally comes to light Jocasta hangs herself while Oedipus horrified at his patricide and incest proceeds to gouge out his own eyes in despair Oedipus Rex is regarded by many scholars as the masterpiece of ancient Greek tragedy In his Poetics Aristotle refers several times to the play in order to exemplify aspects of the genre Many parts or elements of the myth of Oedipus take place

before the opening scene of the play They may be described or referred to in the text In his youth Laius was a guest of King Pelops of Elis and became the tutor of Chrysippus youngest of the king's sons in chariot racing He then violated the sacred laws of hospitality by abducting and raping Chrysippus who according to some versions killed himself in shame This murder cast a doom over Laius his son Oedipus and all of his other descendants However most scholars are in agreement that the seduction or rape of Chrysippus was a late addition to the Theban myth A son is born to King Laius and Queen Jocasta of Thebes After Laius learns from an oracle that he is doomed To perish by the hand of his own son he tightly binds the feet of the infant together with a pin and orders Jocasta to kill the infant Hesitant to do so she orders a servant to commit the act for her Instead the servant takes the baby to a mountain top to die from exposure A shepherd rescues the infant and names him Oedipus or swollen feet The servant directly hands the infant to the shepherd in most versions The shepherd carries the baby with him to Corinth where Oedipus is taken in and raised in the court of the childless King Polybus of Corinth as if he were his own

[Plays of Sophocles, 2018-06-09](#) Plays of Sophocles Oedipus The King Oedipus at Colonus Antigone Sophocles is one of three ancient Greek tragedians whose plays have survived His first plays were written later than those of Aeschylus and earlier than or contemporary with those of Euripides Sophocles wrote over 120 plays during the course of his life but only seven have survived in a complete form Ajax Antigone The Women of Trachis Oedipus Rex Electra Philoctetes and Oedipus at Colonus For almost 50 years Sophocles was the most celebrated playwright in the dramatic competitions of the city state of Athens that took place during the religious festivals of the Lenaean and the Dionysia The Theban plays consist of three plays Oedipus Rex also called Oedipus Tyrannus or Oedipus the King Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone All three plays concern the fate of Thebes during and after the reign of King Oedipus

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### **The Oedipus**

**Plays** John R. Maier, Sophocles, Adam Stewart, 2002 A guide to studying Greek playwright Sophocles 3 Theban plays Antigone Oedipus Rex and Oedipus at Colonus featuring complete plot summaries and analysis character analyses explanations of key themes motifs symbols and a review quiz

*The Three Theban Plays* Sophocles, 1984-02-07 The heroic Greek dramas that

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