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Editorial Review

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Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War* is one of the great books in the Western tradition, as well as its first true historical narrative. Editor Robert Strassler has annotated this classic text to make it more accessible to modern readers and added dozens of maps for easy reference. A helpful introduction places Thucydides in proper historical context and a series of short appendices focus on particular aspects of life and war during the period. But the bulk of the book itself, where Thucydides chronicles the long struggle between Athens and Sparta, enjoys an unexpected freshness on these pages--partly due to Strassler's magnificent editorial labors, but mostly because it's a great story resonant with heroes, villains, bravery, desperation, and tragedy. Every library should have a copy of Thucydides in it, especially libraries on military history, and *The Landmark Thucydides* is without question the best version available.

From Library Journal

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Donald Kagan author of *On the Origins of War* and *Pericles of Athens* This is the best book with which to start study of Thucydides and the Peloponnesian War.

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