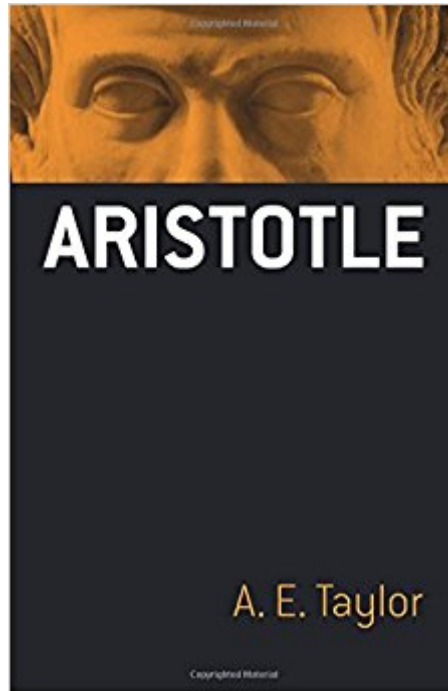




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For readers who may be unfamiliar with the English edition of the Loeb Classical Library, only the Introduction, footnotes, Arguments and comments in the volume "On the Heavens" are in English. Beginning on page 4 and continuing to the end of the volume the language used by the original author - in this case, Greek - is located on the left-hand page and professor Guthrie's superb translation in English is located on the right-hand page. The Greek-English comparison is enlightening. If a reader chooses to discover the fundamental Aristotelian understanding that forms the underlying foundation of his "Physics", then "On the Heavens" (De caelo) is an indispensable read.

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For some reason, the sleeve was a bit damaged. But other than that, the content of this book is marvelous! with side by side translation from original writings, and simplified short summaries or notes. Definitely a worthy book in anyone's library.

excellent translation. The Greek text next to the English text is very useful

This is a great edition of the works by Aristotle. The Greek text is not only a great idea but a fantastic help if one is serious about philosophy.

This set of animal books is hilarious. I bought it for my husband because we both work in a bookstore and had never known Aristotle wrote an animal book. I thought it was a novel idea and thought it would be interesting reading. It is just hilarious. We have a weird sense of humor though. We will sit there and read it out loud to each other and crack up. It's not meant to be funny, of

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