# The Oedipus Plays Of Sophocles Oedipus The King Oedipus At Colonus Antigone

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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

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

in plays of sophocles oedipus the king oedipus at colonus antigone the esteemed playwright weaves a tapestry of fate duty and moral conflict reflecting the complexities of human existence and the inexorable nature of destiny the literary style exemplifies the classical greek tragic form characterized by compelling dialogue and profound philosophical inquiry each play serves not only as a dramatic narrative but also as a thematic exploration of ethical dilemmas faced by individuals in their struggle against societal expectations and divine will thereby resonating through the ages in its exploration of human suffering and enlightenment sophocles an eminent figure of ancient greek literature lived through a period of considerable political and cultural upheaval that influenced his works his innovative use of character development and introduction of a third actor in the dramatic form exemplify his desire to deepen the exploration of human emotion and agency in the face of fate having personally witnessed the effects of war and tragedy in athenian society sophocles plays convey profound insights into the human condition drawing on both personal and collective experiences of his time this compilation is highly recommended for anyone seeking a deep understanding of classical tragedy and its relevance in contemporary discourse each play stands as a testament to sophocles genius and offers a rich dialogue on morality and human experience that remains pertinent to modern audiences

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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

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the theban trilogy is comprised of sophocles plays oedipus the king oedipus at colonus and antigone together these tell the tragic story of oedipus the king of thebes and his daughter antigone oedipus the king in latin oedipus rex sees the youthful oedipus consults the oracle at delphi wherein it tells him he will mate with his own mother and shed with his own hands the blood of his own sire terrified of this prophecy he flees those he believes are his biological parents only to unwittingly encounter and kill his biological father king laius this incident sets in motion the events that will see the delphic prophecy proven terribly correct oedipus unwittingly marries jocasta his own mother who bores him four children oedipus at colonus has the elderly oedipus by now ostracised and distrusted by society at large for his earlier unintended wrongdoing now blind after gouging out his own eyes in reaction to the revelations of the first play it is his daughter sister antigone who escorts him to king theseus with whom he desires to speak prior to death in the dramatic conclusion leading to the death of oedipus the gods themselves pass judgement upon his terrible sins of patricide and incest the final play in the trilogy is antigone this title sees oedipus offspring navigate the drama of a civil war in thebes alternating between verbal engagement and vying with the proud monarch creon portrayed as a heroine antigone s steels her resolve in a time of upheaval and tragically destructive infighting between the theban elite this celebrated and authoritative translation was composed by the classical scholar f storr

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