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The Theban Plays - Sophocles 1973-04-26
King Oedipus/Oedipus at Colonus/Antigone
Three towering works of Greek tragedy depicting the inexorable downfall of a doomed royal dynasty The legends surrounding the house of Thebes inspired Sophocles to create this powerful trilogy about humanity's struggle against fate. King Oedipus is the devastating portrayal of a ruler who brings pestilence to Thebes for crimes he does not realize he has committed and then inflicts a brutal punishment upon himself. Oedipus at Colonus provides a fitting conclusion to the life of the aged and blinded king, while Antigone depicts the fall of the next generation, through the conflict between a young woman ruled by her conscience and a king too confident of his own authority. Translated with an Introduction by E. F. WATLING

Oedipus Trilogy - Sophocles 2021-10-26
Fresh, new translations of Sophocles's three Theban plays by acclaimed theater director Bryan Doerries, which emphasize the contemporary relevance of these classic Greek tragedies. Here are Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone in fresh new versions for contemporary readers and audiences. Each

has been the basis for groundbreaking theatrical performances by Theater of War Productions, in which actors present dramatic readings, followed by town hall-style discussions. These forums are designed to confront social issues by evoking raw, personal reactions to themes highlighted in the plays. The Oedipus Project is an innovative digital initiative that presents scenes from Oedipus the King as a catalyst for frank and restorative online conversations about the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on diverse communities. First performed in 429 BC during the time of a plague that killed one-third of the Athenian population, it is a story of arrogant leadership, ignored prophecy, and a pestilence that ravages the city of Thebes—a story that is as relevant now as it was in its own time. The Oedipus at Colonus Project presents readings of scenes from Sophocles' final play, Oedipus at Colonus, for powerful, community-driven conversations about homelessness, the immigration and refugee crises, and the challenges of eldercare during and after the pandemic. Antigone in Ferguson is a pioneering project that fuses dramatic readings from Antigone with live choral music, culminating in powerful, healing discussions about race and

social justice. Antigone in Ferguson was conceived in the wake of Michael Brown's death in 2014, through a collaboration between Theater of War Productions and community members from Ferguson, Missouri, and premiered at Normandy High School, Michael Brown's alma mater.

The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles
2008-11-01

Detailed notes accompany modern translations of the stories of Oedipus, a king who is unable to escape his tragic fate and ends his days in exile

Oedipus the King and Other Tragedies - Sophocles 2016

"Sophocles stands as one of the greatest dramatists of all time, influencing a vast array of artists and thinkers over the centuries.

Disturbing and unrelenting, his tragedies portray what Matthew Arnold referred to as 'the turbid ebb and flow of human misery', allowing the audience to stand on the verge of the abyss and confront the waste and disorder of human existence. The heroic myths reinterpreted in the plays locate them within a world in which the extremes of human emotion in its darkest hours can be freely explored. It is, however, the creativity of Sophocles' plays which prevents them from descending into unbridled chaos or despair. The unflinching engagement with heartrending suffering reveals strengths held within the carefully crafted poetry, lyricism, and movement. There is, as Taplin writes, 'no blinking, no evasion, no palliative. ... Out of apparently meaningless suffering comes meaning and form.' This original and distinctive verse translation of four of Sophocles' plays conveys the vitality of his poetry and the vigour of the plays as performed showpieces, encouraging the reader to relish the sound of the spoken verse and the potential for song within the lyrics. Each play is accompanied by an introduction and substantial notes on points of fact and interpretation, drawing on the translator's many years of lecturing on Sophocles at the University of Oxford."--
Publisher information.

The Three Theban Plays: Antigone - Oedipus the King - Oedipus at Colonus (Hardcover) - Sophocles 2018-08-27

The Theban Trilogy consists of 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 predicts that he will ""Mate with [his] own mother, and shed/With [his] own hands the blood of [his] own sire."" Oedipus at Colonus has the elderly Oedipus, by now ostracised and distrusted by society at large for his earlier, unintended wrongdoing. 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. The final play in the Trilogy is Antigone - this title sees Oedipus offspring navigate the drama of a Civil War in Thebes. All three compositions are superb examples of Greek drama; owing to their revelatory contents and narrative twists, Sophocles' Theban plays remain popular to this day.

Oedipus the King and Antigone - Sophocles
2014-09-08

Translated and edited by Peter D. Arnott, this classic and highly popular edition contains two essential plays in the development of Greek tragedy-Oedipus the King and Antigone-for performance and study. The editor's introduction contains a brief biography of the playwright and a description of Greek theater. Also included are a list of principal dates in the life of Sophocles and a bibliography.

Plays of Sophocles - Sophocles 2016-07-19
Plays of Sophocles - The Theban Plays - OEDIPUS THE KING - OEDIPUS AT COLONUS - ANTIGONE. The most famous tragedies of Sophocles feature Oedipus and also Antigone: they are generally known as the Theban plays, although each play was actually a part of a different tetralogy, the other members of which are now lost. Sophocles influenced the development of the drama, most importantly by adding a third actor, thereby reducing the importance of the chorus in the presentation of the plot. He also developed his characters to a greater extent than earlier playwrights such as Aeschylus. The Theban Plays The Theban plays consist of three plays: Oedipus the King (also called Oedipus Tyrannus or by its Latin title Oedipus Rex), Oedipus at Colonus and Antigone. All three plays concern the fate of Thebes during and after the reign of King Oedipus. They have

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Plays of Sophocles - Sophocles 2021-10-29

The heroic Greek dramas that have moved theatergoers and readers since the fifth century B.C. Sophocles' Theban Plays- Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone-lie at the core of the Western literary canon. They are extensively translated, universally taught, and frequently performed. Chronicling the downfall of Oedipus, the legendary king of Thebes, and his descendants, the Theban Plays are as relevant to present-day thought about love, duty, patriotism, family, and war as when they were written 2,500 years ago. Recent translations of the plays, while linguistically correct, often fail to capture the beauty of Sophocles' original words. In combining the skills of a distinguished poet, Ruth Fainlight, and an eminent classical scholar, Robert J. Littman, this new edition of the Theban Plays is both a major work of poetry and a faithful translation of the original works. Thoughtful introductions, extensive notes, and glossaries frame each of the plays within their historical contexts and illuminate important themes, mythological roots, and previous interpretations. This elegant and uncommonly readable translation will make these seminal Greek tragedies accessible to a new generation of readers.

The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles 2016-02

Sophocles, along with Aeschylus and Euripides, is considered one of three important ancient Greek tragedians. Writing during the 5th century BC, Sophocles created some one hundred and twenty three plays during his lifetime, of which only seven have survived in their entirety. In this edition are included the

three "Theban" plays, which are widely considered his most important works. This collection of dramas includes "Antigone" the story of its title character, a strong heroine whose complete commitment to familial duty brings her to challenge the will of her king; "Oedipus the King," the legend of Oedipus who is exiled as an infant by his royal father because of a prophesy of patricide and incest; and "Oedipus at Colonus," a drama which finds Oedipus at the end of his life caught between the warring kings of Athens and Thebes who each desire that Oedipus's final resting place be in their respective lands. These tragedies are some of the finest examples from classical antiquity and their influence on the development of modern drama cannot be overstated. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper, follows the translations of Francis Storr, and includes introductions by R. C. Jebb.

Sophocles - Sophocles 2013-07-04

Linked by their common setting in Thebes, Antigone, Oedipus the King, and Oedipus at Colonus stand at the fountainhead of world drama. This volume presents a new, and accurate yet poetic and playable translation by playwright Don Taylor, who has also directed plays for a BBC-TV production.

Oedipus Trilogy - Sophocles 2013-04-13

The Three Theban Plays: Antigone; Oedipus the King; Oedipus at Colonus. Towering over the rest of Greek tragedy, these three plays are among the most enduring and timeless dramas ever written.

The Three Theban Plays: Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, & Antigone - Sophocles 2020-08-20

A collection of all three of Sophocles' three Theban plays, Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone. Each work was part of a tetralogy, a composition made up of four distinct works. The other three works of each tetralogy are now lost. Although these are published under a single cover, they are not a trilogy and do not contain a continuous narrative. The three plays were written for different festivals, sometimes years apart. Nonetheless, the three plays cover the fate of the royal family of King Oedipus at the city state Thebes during and after the reign of King Oedipus. Sophocles is one of three ancient Greek tragedy writers, whose works have survived for posterity. Along with Aeschylus and

Euripides. Sophocles wrote over 120 plays, but only seven manuscripts have survived. During his life at Athens, Sophocles competed in over thirty competitions at the festival of Dionysus. He won twenty-four, and never placed lower than second. Sophocles is remembered as the founding father of western tragedy.

Sophocles' Oedipus Rex - Harold Bloom 2006
A collection of eight critical essays on the classical tragedy, arranged in the chronological order of their original publication.

Oedipus Rex - Sophocles 2011-05-19
Oedipus Rex is the greatest of the Greek tragedies, a profound meditation on the human condition. The story of the mythological king, who is doomed to kill his father and marry his mother, has resonated in world culture for almost 2,500 years. But Sophocles' drama as originally performed was much more than a great story—it was a superb poetic script and exciting theatrical experience. The actors spoke in pulsing rhythms with hypnotic forward momentum, making it hard for audiences to look away. Interspersed among the verbal rants and duels were energetic songs performed by the chorus. David Mulroy's brilliant verse translation of *Oedipus Rex* recaptures the aesthetic power of Sophocles' masterpiece while also achieving a highly accurate translation in clear, contemporary English. Speeches are rendered with the same kind of regular iambic rhythm that gave the Sophoclean originals their drive. The choral parts are translated as fluid rhymed songs. Mulroy also supplies an introduction, notes, and appendixes to provide helpful context for general readers and students.

Theban Plays - Sophocles 2003-01-01
This powerful new rendering of the plays of the Theban cycle includes, in addition to the translators' celebrated *Oedipus Tyrannus*, annotated new translations of *Antigone* and *Oedipus at Colonus*. Peter Meineck is Producing Artistic Director of The Aquila Theatre Co, Visiting Scholar at the Center for Ancient Studies, New York University and teacher of Greek Drama at the Tisch School for the Arts.

Oedipus the King - Sophocles 2012-12-18
The famed Athenian tragedy in which Oedipus's own faults contribute to his tragic downfall. A great masterpiece on which Aristotle based his aesthetic theory of drama in the *Poetics* and

from which Freud derived the Oedipus complex, King Oedipus puts out a sentence on the unknown murderer of his father Laius. By a gradual unfolding of incidents, Oedipus learns that he was the assassin and that Jocasta, his wife, is also his mother. This Enriched Classic Edition includes: -A concise introduction that gives readers important background information -Timelines of significant events in Greek history and theater that provide the book's historical context -An outline of key themes and plot points to help readers form their own interpretations - Detailed explanatory notes -Critical analysis and modern perspectives on the work -Discussion questions to promote lively classroom and book group interaction -A list of recommended related books and films to broaden the reader's experience Enriched Classics offers readers affordable editions of great works of literature enhanced by helpful notes and insightful commentary. The scholarship provided in Enriched Classics enables readers to appreciate, understand, and enjoy the world's finest books to their full potential. Series edited by Cynthia Brantley Johnson

The Oedipus Cycle - Sophocles 2002
Three tragedies recount the downfall of Oedipus, his death in exile, and the actions by his daughter Antigone following his death.

Oedipus at Colonus - Sophocles 2015-05-11
"Oedipus at Colonus" from Sophocles. Greek tragedians (497 BC - 406 BC).

Oedipus at Colonus - Sophocles 2015-08-24
Oedipus was the son of King Laius and Queen Jocasta. Before he was born, his parents consulted the Oracle at Delphi. The Oracle prophesied that Oedipus would murder his father and marry his mother. In an attempt to prevent this prophecy's fulfillment, Laius ordered Oedipus's feet to be bound together, and pierced with a stake. Afterwards, the baby was given to a herdsman who was told to kill him. Unable to go through with his orders, he instead gave the child to a second herdsman who took the infant, Oedipus, to the king of Corinth, Polybus. Polybus adopted Oedipus as his son. Oedipus was raised as the crown prince of Corinth. Many years later Oedipus was told that Polybus was not his real father. Seeking the truth, he sought counsel from an Oracle and thus started the greatest tragedy ever written.

The middle of the three Theban plays, 'Oedipus at Colonus' (Colonus) describes the end of Oedipus' tragic life, during which the blinded Oedipus discusses his fate as related by the oracle, and claims that he is not fully guilty.

The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles
1984-02-07

The heroic Greek dramas that have moved theatergoers and readers since the fifth century B.C. Towering over the rest of Greek tragedy, the three plays that tell the story of the fated Theban royal family—Antigone, Oedipus the King and Oedipus at Colonus—are among the most enduring and timeless dramas ever written. Robert Fagles's authoritative and acclaimed translation conveys all of Sophocles's lucidity and power: the cut and thrust of his dialogue, his ironic edge, the surge and majesty of his choruses and, above all, the agonies and triumphs of his characters. This Penguin Classics edition features an introduction and notes by the renowned classicist Bernard Knox. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Oedipus Rex (Oedipus the King) [Translated by E. H. Plumptre with an Introduction by John Williams White] - Sophocles 2016-05

The second Theban play written by Sophocles, "Oedipus Rex," or "Oedipus the King," is the drama which chronologically begins the Oedipus cycle. After Laius, King of Thebes, learns from an oracle that he is doomed to perish by the hand of his own son, he binds the feet of his newborn child and orders his wife Jocasta to kill the infant. Unable to kill her own child, Jocasta entrusts a servant with the task instead, who takes the baby to a mountaintop to die of exposure. A passing shepherd rescues the baby and names it Oedipus, or "swollen feet," taking it with him to Corinth where it is raised by the childless King Polybus as if it were his own. When Oedipus hears a rumor that he is not the

biological son of Polybus, he seeks the counsel of the Oracle of Delphi who relates to him the prophecy of patricide. Still believing that Polybus is his father he flees Corinth thus initiating a series of events that would fulfill that which the oracle has prophesied. "Oedipus Rex," along with its Theban counterparts, "Oedipus at Colonus," and "Antigone," established Sophocles as one of the most renowned dramatists of his era. This edition follows the translation of E. H. Plumptre, includes an introduction by John Williams White, and is printed on premium acid-free paper.

Antigone; Oedipus the King; Electra - Sophocles
2008-08-14

Love and loyalty, hatred and revenge, fear, deprivation, and political ambition: these are the motives which thrust the characters portrayed in these three Sophoclean masterpieces on to their collision course with catastrophe. Recognized in his own day as perhaps the greatest of the Greek tragedians, Sophocles' reputation has remained undimmed for two and a half thousand years. His greatest innovation in the tragic medium was his development of a central tragic figure, faced with a test of will and character, risking obloquy and death rather than compromise his or her principles: it is striking that Antigone and Electra both have a woman as their intransigent 'hero'. Antigone dies rather neglect her duty to her family, Oedipus' determination to save his city results in the horrific discovery that he has committed both incest and parricide, and Electra's unremitting anger at her mother and her lover keeps her in servitude and despair. These vivid translations combine elegance and modernity, and are remarkable for their lucidity and accuracy. Their sonorous diction, economy, and sensitivity to the varied metres and modes of the original musical delivery make them equally suitable for reading or theatrical performance. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

Oedipus the King - Sophocles 1988-03-31

Dramatizes the story of Oedipus, who killed his father and married his mother.

The Theban Plays (Esprios Classics) - Sophocles 2021-01-26

The Theban plays comprise three plays: Oedipus Rex (also called Oedipus Tyrannus or Oedipus the King), Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone. All three concern the fate of Thebes during and after the reign of King Oedipus. They have often been published under a single cover; but Sophocles wrote them for separate festival competitions, many years apart. The Theban plays are not a proper trilogy (three plays presented as a continuous narrative), nor an intentional series; they contain inconsistencies. Sophocles also wrote other plays pertaining to Thebes, such as the Epigoni, but only fragments have survived.

The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles 2018-06-18

The Three Theban Plays: Oedipus The King - Oedipus at Colonus - Antigone by Sophocles.

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. 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. They have often been published under a single cover. Sophocles, however, 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.

A Doll's House - Henrik Ibsen 2009-01-01

When A Doll's House was first published in 1879 it created a sensation. The play follows the ordinary life of a housewife. Gradually the

tensions within her marriage become clear and build to a final, stunning action. The play is widely studied because of its sharp critique of 19th century marriage norms, and its feminist tendencies.

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.

The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles 2015-07-18

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Oedipus Plays of Sophocles - Sophocles 1958-09
The three tragedies by the great Athenian playwright that tell of the misfortunes of the royal house of Thebes.

The Theban Plays - Sophocles 2009-03-20
Sophocles' Theban Plays—Oedipus the King, Oedipus at Colonus, and Antigone—lie at the core of the Western literary canon. They are extensively translated, universally taught, and frequently performed. Chronicling the downfall of Oedipus, the legendary king of Thebes, and his descendants, the Theban Plays are as relevant to present-day thought about love, duty, patriotism, family, and war as when they were written 2,500 years ago. Recent translations of the plays, while linguistically correct, often fail to capture the beauty of Sophocles' original words. In combining the skills of a distinguished poet, Ruth Fainlight, and an eminent classical scholar, Robert J. Littman, this new edition of the Theban Plays is both a major work of poetry and a faithful translation of the original works. Thoughtful introductions, extensive notes, and glossaries frame each of the plays within their historical contexts and illuminate important themes, mythological roots, and previous interpretations. This elegant and uncommonly readable translation will make these seminal Greek tragedies accessible to a new generation of readers.

Oedipus Trilogy - Sophocles 2012-12-10
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Oedipus the King - Sophocles 2008-11-28
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Oedipus at Colonus - Sophocles 2020-05-05
The ancient Greek tragedy about the exiled king's final days—and the power struggle between his two sons. The second book in the trilogy that begins with Oedipus Rex and concludes with Antigone, Oedipus at Colonus is the story of an aged and blinded Oedipus anticipating his death as foretold by an earlier prophecy. Accompanied by his daughters, Antigone and Ismene, he takes up residence in the village of Colonus near Athens—where the locals fear his very presence will curse them. Nonetheless they allow him to stay, and Ismene informs him his sons are battling each other for the throne of Thebes. An oracle has pronounced that the location of their disgraced father's final resting place will determine which of them is to prevail. Unfortunately, an old enemy has his own plans for the burial, in this heart-wrenching play about two generations plagued by misfortune from the world's great ancient Greek tragedian.
The Three Theban Plays: Antigone; Oedipus the King; Oedipus at Colonus - By Sophocles 2016-11-21

BOOK ONE:Antigone is a tragedy by Sophocles written in or before 441 BC.It is the third of the three Theban plays but was the first written, chronologically. The play expands on the Theban

legend that predated it and picks up where Aeschylus' *Seven Against Thebes* ends. BOOK TWO *Oedipus Rex*, also known by its Greek title, *Oedipus Tyrannus*, or *Oedipus the King*, is an Athenian tragedy by Sophocles that 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*. BOOK THREE: *Oedipus at Colonus* is one of the three Theban plays of the Athenian tragedian Sophocles. It was written shortly before Sophocles' death in 406 BC and produced by his grandson (also called Sophocles) at the Festival of Dionysus in 401 BC. In the timeline of the plays, the events of *Oedipus at Colonus* occur after *Oedipus the King* and before *Antigone*; however, it was the last of Sophocles' three Theban plays to be written. The play describes the end of *Oedipus'* tragic life. Legends differ as to the site of *Oedipus'* death; Sophocles set the place at Colonus, a village near Athens and also Sophocles' own birthplace, where the blinded *Oedipus* has come with his daughters *Antigone* and *Ismene* as suppliants of the *Erinyes* and of *Theseus*, the king of Athens.

Oedipus the King - Sophocles 2018-11-10

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The Three Theban Plays - Sophocles

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Sophocles is one of three ancient & medieval Greek tragedians whose plays have survived. His first classical & medieval drama & plays were written later than those of Aeschylus, and earlier than or relatively close to those of Euripides. Sophocles wrote 120 classical & medieval plays during the course of his lifetime, but only seven have survived in a complete form. Three of those seven surviving drama & plays make up *The Three Theban Plays* and are found in this anthology volume; *Oedipus the King*, *Oedipus at Colonus*, and *Antigone*. In the Greek tragedy drama & play *Oedipus the King*, the story of *Oedipus* is told, a man who becomes the king of Thebes, while unwittingly fulfilling a prophecy that he would kill his father, *Laius*, and marry his mother, *Jocasta*. The drama & play *Oedipus at Colonus* describes the end of *Oedipus'* tragic life. The Greek tragedy *Antigone* is the third of the three ancient & classical Theban dramas & plays. In this ancient & classical play, two brothers leading opposite sides in Thebes' civil war die fighting each other for the throne. *Creon*, the new ruler of Thebes, has decided that *Eteocles* will be honored and *Polyneices* will be in public shame. The rebel brother's body will not be sanctified by holy rites, and will lie unburied on the battlefield. *Antigone* and *Ismene* are the sisters of the dead *Polyneices* and *Eteocles*. *Antigone* wants to bury *Polyneices'* body, in defiance of *Creon's* edict. *Ismene* refuses to help her, fearing execution, but she is unable to stop *Antigone* from going to bury her brother herself. Sophocles' work is considered literature & fiction classics in the Greek dramas & plays genre and is often required textbook reading in the following disciplines; English, literature & fiction, Ancient & Medieval Literature, ancient & classical, dramas & plays, Greek tragedy, and world literature. This edition, known as *The Three Theban Plays*, conveniently packages three of Sophocles' seven surviving plays.

Oedipus, King of Thebes - Sophocles 1715

The Oedipus Plays - Sophocles 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 Theban Plays - Sophocles 2006-06-23

The stirring tale of a legendary royal family's fall and ultimate redemption, the Theban trilogy endures as the crowning achievement of Greek drama. Sophocles' three-play cycle, chronicling Oedipus's search for the truth and its tragic results, remains essential reading for English and classical studies majors as well as for all students of Western civilization. Oedipus Rex unfolds amid a city in the relentless grip of a plague. When an oracle proclaims that only an act of vengeance will lift the curse from Thebes, King Oedipus vows to bring a murderer to justice. His quest engenders a series of keen dramatic ironies, culminating in the fulfillment of a dreaded prophecy. Oedipus at Colonus finds the former ruler in exile. Old and blind, he seeks a peaceful place to end his torment, but finds only challenges from his reluctant hosts and a summons back to Thebes from his warring sons. The trilogy concludes with Antigone, in which

Oedipus's courageous daughter defies her tyrannical uncle in a provocative exploration of the demands of loyalty and duty.

Antigone; Oedipus the King; Electra - Sophocles, 2008-08-14

Love and loyalty, hatred and revenge, fear, deprivation, and political ambition: these are the motives which thrust the characters portrayed in these three Sophoclean masterpieces on to their collision course with catastrophe. Recognized in his own day as perhaps the greatest of the Greek tragedians, Sophocles's reputation has remained undimmed for two and a half thousand years. His greatest innovation in the tragic medium was his development of a central tragic figure, faced with a test of will and character, risking obloquy and death rather than compromise his or her principles: it is striking that Antigone and Electra both have a woman as their intransigent 'hero'. Antigone dies rather than neglect her duty to her family, Oedipus's determination to save his city results in the horrific discovery that he has committed both incest and parricide, and Electra's unremitting anger at her mother and her lover keeps her in servitude and despair. These vivid translations combine elegance and modernity, and are equally suitable for reading or theatrical performance.