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### **Complete Plays of Aristophanes** Penguin UK

With piercing accuracy William ongreve depicted the shallow, brittle world of 'society' where the right artifice in manners, fashion and conversation--and money--eased the passage to success. Through sparkling, witty dialogue and brilliant characterisation--Lady Plyant, Valentine, Lady Touchwood, Mirabell and Millamant--Congreve exposed the follies and vanities of that world, and suggested that behind the glinting mirror lay something more brutal. 'The language is everywhere that of Men of Honour, but their Actions are those of Knaves; a proof that he was perfectly well acquainted with human Nature, and frequented what we call polite company.' --Voltaire 'Congreve quitted the stage in disdain, and comedy left it with him.' --A contemporary

### *Complete Plays* Penguin UK

The four plays newly translated in this volume are among Euripides' most exciting works. Iphigenia among the Taurians is a story of escape and contrasting Greek and barbarian civilization, set on the Black Sea at the edge of the known world. Bacchae, a profound exploration of the human psyche, deals with the appalling consequences of resistance to Dionysus, god of wine and unfettered emotion. This tragedy, which above all others speaks to our post-Freudian era, is one of Euripides' two last surviving plays. The second, Iphigenia at Aulis, centres on the ultimate dysfunctional family as natural emotion is tested in the tragic crucible of the Greek expedition against Troy. Lastly, Rhesus, probably the work of another playwright, is a thrilling, action-packed Iliad in miniature, dealing with a grisly event in the Trojan War.

### **The Plays** Simon and Schuster

In this classic and much-loved edition of Marlowe's best-known

play, John D. Jump provides the reader with a wealth of introductory and explanatory material. As well as a fascinating chronology of Marlowe's life and works and extensive notes on the text, this edition includes a substantial and authoritative historical introduction to the play. An essential text whether studying the play in detail or coming to it for the first time.

Doctor Faustus Penguin

Marlowe's seven plays dramatise the fatal lure of potent forces, whether religious, occult or erotic. In the victories of Tamburlaine, Faustus's encounters with the demonic, the irreverence of Barabas in THE JEW OF MALTA, and the humiliation of Edward II in his fall from power and influence, Marlowe explores the shifting balance between power and helplessness, the sacred and its desecration.

The Complete Poems and Translations Routledge

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Complete Plays, Lenz, and Other Writings Bantam Classics

A poet who hated an age of decadence, armed conflict, and departure from tradition, Aristophanes' comic genius influenced the political and social order of his own fifth-century Athens. But as Moses Hadas writes in his introduction to this volume, 'His true claim upon our attention is as the most brilliant and artistic and thoughtful wit our world has known.' Includes The Acharnians, The Birds, The Clouds, Ecclesiazusae, The Frogs, The Knights, Lysistrata, Peace, Plutus, Thesmophoriazusae, and The Wasps.

Marlowe: Complete Plays National Geographic Books

Collected in this volume are powerful dramas and psychological fiction by the nineteenth-century iconoclast now recognized as a major figure of world literature. Also included are selections from Büchner's letters and philosophical writings.

**Sophocles: The Complete Plays** Hassell Street Press

Classical Greek dramatic poetry and drama.

Hedda Gabler and Other Plays Penguin UK

Their texts fully restored by recent scholarship, Marlowe's astonishing works can now be appreciated as originally written. For the first time, this edition boasts the complete plays - including two versions of Doctor Faustus. Blasphemy, perversion, defiance and transgression ... in a series of compelling tragedies, Marlowe challenged every authority of heaven and earth. From the proud wrath of Tamburlaine, the tyrant of Asia, to the racked anguish of Edward II, himself in thrall to unspeakable desires; from God's own Machiavel, the Duke of Guise, to Barabas, the Jew of Malta, curse of Christianity: all are taboo-breakers, to be broken in their turn. And in the tragedy of Doctor Faustus we perhaps read Marlowe's own: a tale of brilliance and audacity -

and of terrible, inexorable punishment. Their texts fully restored by recent scholarship, Marlowe's astonishing works can now be appreciated as originally written. For the first time, this edition boasts the complete plays - including two versions of Doctor Faustus.

*Frogs and Other Plays* Oxford University Press

Living in Rome under Caligula and later a tutor to Nero, Seneca witnessed the extremes of human behaviour. His shocking and bloodthirsty plays not only reflect a brutal period of history but also show how guilt, sorrow, anger and desire lead individuals to violence. The hero of *Hercules Insane* saves his own family from slaughter, only to commit further atrocities when he goes mad. The horrifying death of Astyanax is recounted in *Trojan Women*, and *Phaedra* deals with forbidden love. In *Oedipus* a nervous man discovers himself, while *Thyestes* recounts the bitter family struggle for a crown. Of uncertain authorship, *Octavia* dramatizes Nero's divorce from his wife and her deportation. The only Latin tragedies to have survived complete, these plays are masterpieces of vibrant, muscular language and psychological insight.

**Five Plays** Oxford Paperbacks

Including eighteen plays--some known by all and others that will come as discoveries to many readers--The Penguin Arthur Miller is a collectible treasure for fans of Miller's drama and an indispensable resource for students of the theatre. The Penguin Arthur Miller includes: *The Man Who Had All the Luck*, *All My Sons*, *Death of a Salesman*, *An Enemy of the People*, *The Crucible*, *A View from the Bridge*, *After the Fall*, *Incident at Vichy*, *The Price*, *The Creation of the World and Other Business*, *The*

*Archbishop's Ceiling*, *The American Clock*, *Playing for Time*, *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan*, *The Last Yankee*, *Broken Glass*, *Mr. Peters' Connections*, and *Resurrection Blues*. For more than sixty-five years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,500 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines.

**The Tragical History of Dr. Faustus** Penguin UK

A poet who hated an age of decadence, armed conflict, and departure from tradition, Aristophanes' comic genius influenced the political and social order of his own fifth-century Athens. But as Moses Hadas writes in his introduction to this volume, 'His true claim upon our attention is as the most brilliant and artistic and thoughtful wit our world has known.' Includes *The Acharnians*, *The Birds*, *The Clouds*, *Ecclesiazusae*, *The Frogs*, *The Knights*, *Lysistrata*, *Peace*, *Plutus*, *Thesmophoriazusae*, and *The Wasps*.

**Complete Plays of Aristophanes** Bantam Classics

*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

**Penguin Classics Introduction to The Complete Plays by Christopher Marlowe (Penguin Classics)** National Geographic Books

Although their Mongol overlords (beginning with the founding of the Yuan dynasty by Kublai Khan in 1280) tyrannized the Chinese in nearly every area of life, the arts enjoyed a new-found freedom. On the one hand oppressed, on the other released from the straight-jacket of Confucianism, the Chinese made the most of recent developments in poetry and drama. Yuan plays were a tonic, an amazing spectacle—colorful outbursts of singing, dancing, music, acting and mime. They poured new life into old stories—oppressors were ridiculed, servants became masters, scenes changed, day followed night in the twinkling of an eye—and audiences flocked to enjoy what must have been complete entertainment. 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.

*Edward the Second* Penguin UK

A volume of plays from the founding architect of twentieth-century drama, including his most popular and controversial work *A* Penguin Classic Pirandello is brilliantly innovatory in his forms and themes, and in the combined energy, imagination and visual colours of his theatre. This volume of plays, translated from the

Italian by Mark Musa, opens with *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, in which six characters invade the stage and demand to be included in the play. The tragedy *Henry IV* dramatizes the lucid madness of a man who may be King. In *So It Is (If You Think So)*, the townspeople exercise a morbid curiosity attempting to discover “the truth” about the Ponza family. Each of these plays can lay claim to being Pirandello’s masterpiece, and in exploring the nature of human personality, each one stretches the resources of drama to their limits. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,800 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.

*The Jew Of Malta [in, The Complete Plays: Edited by Frank Romany and Robert Lindsey]* (Penguin Classics). National Geographic Books

Collected in this volume are powerful dramas and psychological fiction by the nineteenth-century iconoclast now recognized as a major figure of world literature. Also included are selections from Büchner's letters and philosophical writings.

**The Way of the World and Other Plays** Random House Enriched Classics offer readers accessible editions of great works of literature enhanced by helpful notes and commentary. Each book includes educational tools alongside the text, enabling students and readers alike to gain a deeper and more developed

understanding of the writer and their work. Wilde's classic comedy of manners, *The Importance of Being Earnest*, a satire of Victorian social hypocrisy and considered Wilde's greatest dramatic achievement, and his other popular plays—*Lady Windermere's Fan*, *An Ideal Husband*, and *Salome*—challenged contemporary notions of sex and sensibility, class and cultural identity. Enriched Classics enhance your engagement by introducing and explaining the historical and cultural significance of the work, the author's personal history, and what impact this book had on subsequent scholarship. Each book includes discussion questions that help clarify and reinforce major themes and reading recommendations for further research. Read with confidence.

*The Penguin Classics Book* Penguin Classics

That proud, impassioned soul, so ungovernable now that she has felt the sting of injustice' *'Medea'*, in which a spurned woman takes revenge upon her lover by killing her children, is one of the most shocking and horrific of all the Greek tragedies. Dominating the play is Medea herself, a towering and powerful figure who demonstrates Euripides' unusual willingness to give voice to a woman's case. *'Alcestis'*, a tragicomedy, is based on a magical myth in which Death is overcome, and *'The Children of Heracles'* examines the conflict between might and right, while *'Hippolytus'*

deals with self-destructive integrity and moral dilemmas. These plays show Euripides transforming the awesome figures of Greek mythology into recognizable, fallible human beings. John Davie's accessible prose translation is accompanied by a general introduction and individual prefaces to each play. Previously published as *Alcestis and Other Plays*

**Medea and Other Plays** Penguin UK

With new translations and a new afterword The full texts of the seven extant plays of Sophocles with Paul Roche's revised and updated translations of the Oedipus cycle, and all-new translations of the remaining plays.

Greek Tragedy Penguin UK

Thomas Middleton (1580-1627) was one of the most prolific and fascinating playwrights of the Jacobean era, producing nearly fifty theatrical pieces in a quarter of a century. This collection comprises five of his most powerful plays, from the comedies satirizing city life, *A Trick to Catch the Old One*, and *A Chaste Maid in Cheapside*, to his later tragedies *Women Beware Women* and *The Changeling*, in which Middleton reveals a world dominated by the corrupting power of lust and subject to the futility of human pretensions. Also included is *The Revenger's Tragedy*, originally ascribed to Cyril Tourneur, a Revenge Play infused with sardonic wit and biting irony.