A Brief History of Ancient Greek

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DESCRIPTION

A Brief History of Ancient Greek accessibly depicts the social history of this ancient language from its Indo-European roots to the present day.

- Explains key relationships between the language and literature of the Classical period (500 - 300 BC)
- Provides a social history of the language which transliterates and translates all Greek as appropriate, and is therefore accessible to readers who know little or no Greek
- Written in the framework of modern sociolinguistic theory, relating the development of Ancient Greek to its social and political context
- Reflects the latest thinking on subjects such as Koiné Greek and the relationship between literary and vernacular Greek

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