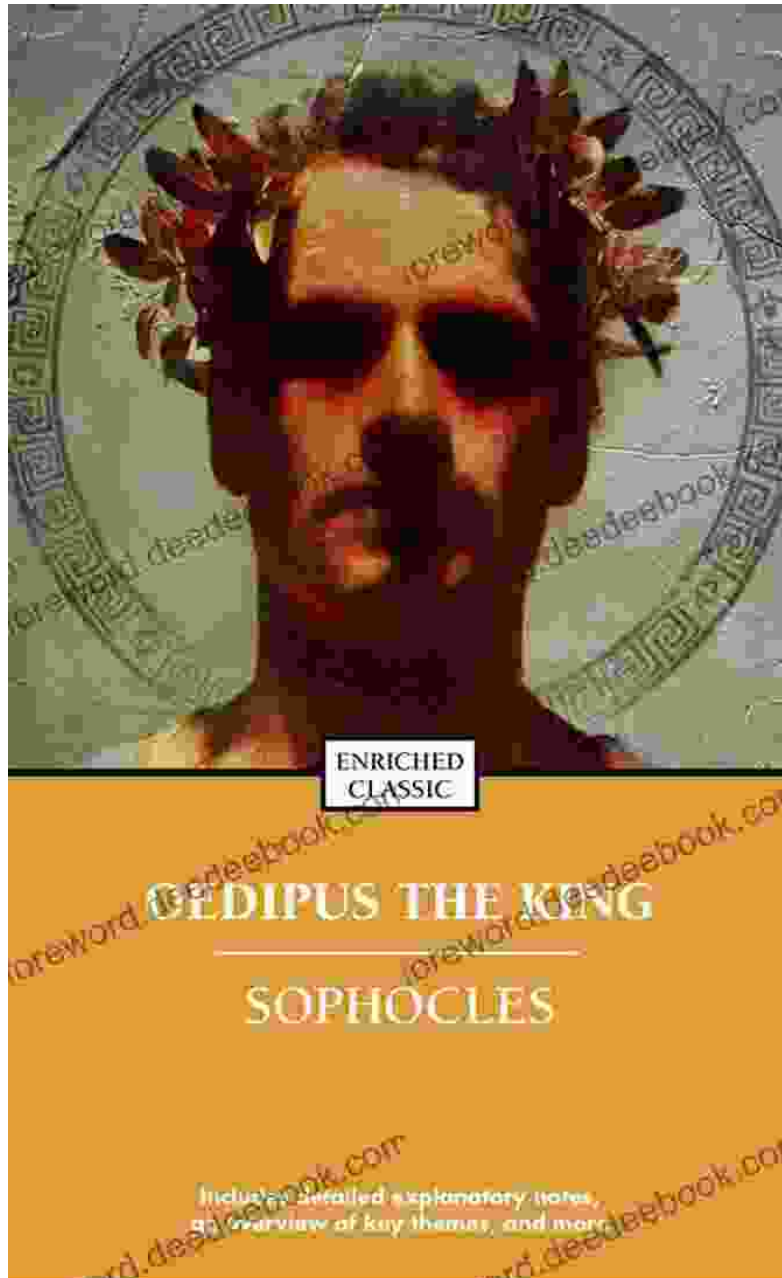


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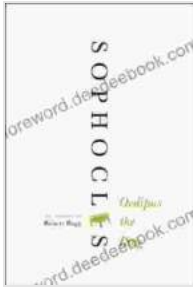
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Sophocles' *Oedipus the King* is a towering work of Greek tragedy that has captivated audiences for centuries. Its themes of fate, blindness, and the relentless pursuit of truth continue to resonate deeply with readers and theatergoers alike. This new translation by renowned classicist Emily Wilson brings the play to life in a fresh and accessible way, preserving the power and beauty of Sophocles' original while making it accessible to a contemporary audience.

The Story of Oedipus

The play tells the story of Oedipus, the king of Thebes who unwittingly kills his father and marries his own mother. Driven by a relentless quest for knowledge, Oedipus sets out to uncover the truth about his past, even as it leads him to a horrifying revelation. Along the way, he encounters a cast of memorable characters, including the blind prophet Tiresias, the messenger who brings news of his parents' deaths, and the shepherd who witnessed his birth.

Themes of Fate and Blindness

One of the central themes of *Oedipus the King* is the inescapability of fate. From the moment of his birth, Oedipus is marked for tragedy. Despite his

efforts to escape his destiny, he is ultimately powerless against the forces that drive him. This theme is reinforced through the use of irony and foreshadowing, as the audience knows the truth that Oedipus is blind to.

Another key theme is blindness, both physical and metaphorical. Oedipus is physically blind to his past, but he is also blind to the truth that is right in front of him. His blindness is a symbol of the human condition, as we are all often blind to our own flaws and the consequences of our actions.

The Search for Truth

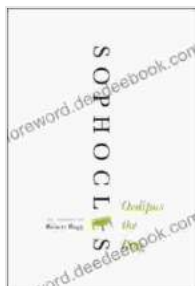
Despite the tragic consequences, Oedipus's relentless pursuit of truth is a noble and admirable quality. He refuses to rest until he knows the truth about his past, even though it leads him to a painful and devastating revelation. This search for truth is a reminder that knowledge, even if it is painful, is essential for human growth and understanding.

A Masterful Translation

Emily Wilson's new translation of Oedipus the King is a triumph. She has captured the power and beauty of Sophocles' original while making it accessible to a contemporary audience. Her use of clear and concise language allows the themes and characters of the play to shine through. This translation will undoubtedly become the standard for English-speaking readers and audiences for years to come.

Oedipus the King is a timeless masterpiece that continues to captivate and move audiences. Emily Wilson's new translation brings the play to life in a fresh and accessible way, preserving the power and beauty of Sophocles' original. Through its themes of fate, blindness, and the search for truth,

Oedipus the King remains a profound and moving meditation on the human condition.

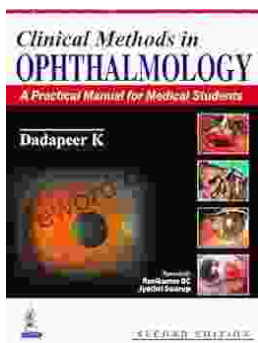


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