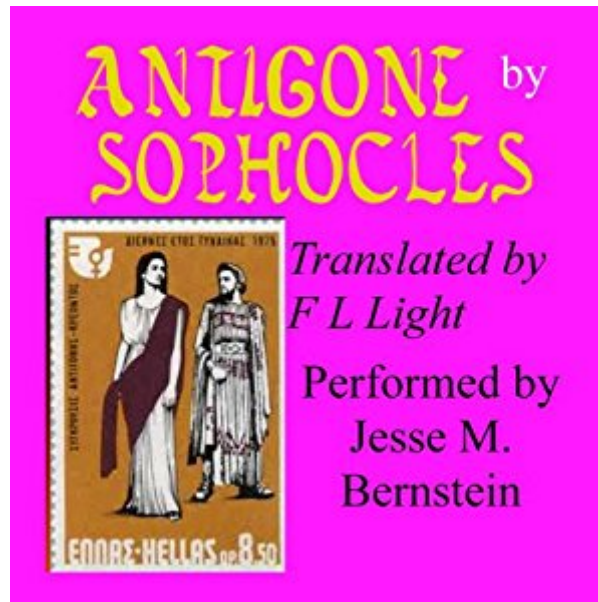


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Synopsis

Prince Kreon, enforcing an arbitrary mandate, is enraged that Antigone would abide by a natural law of sisterly respect in contradiction of his will. As neither can be reconciled with the other's acts, the drama grows devoutly tenebrous. This translation is iambic, as is most of the text in Greek.

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Customer Reviews

Light has written a significant number of interesting works, from Shakespearean Sonnets to plays and now his translation of Sophocles' Antigone is compelling. I have seen the National Theatre of Greece version of Antigone in classic Greek, at a time when my Greek was still passable, and was compelled by the meter and timbre of the presentation. Light brings some of that to play in his translation. The typical meter for Greek tragedies was iambic trimeter. To follow A Guide to Ancient Greek Drama (Blackwell Guides to Classical Literature) Storey and Allan the meter is written as: X-U-|X-U-|X-U- where X is long or short, - is a long and U a short. Now Light opens with Antigone stating: Ismene, mine sororal, similar to me, what sorrows might you name that have not been from Oedipus our father drawn on us, in consummation meant by Zeus? Now we can compare this to four other translations. First, the Loeb Classic by Sophocles, Volume II. Antigone. The Women of Trachis. Philoctetes. Oedipus at Colonus (Loeb Classical Library No. 21) Lloyd-Jones with corresponding Greek: My own sister Ismene, linked to myself, are you aware that Zeus, ah, which of the evils that come from Oedipus is he not accomplishing while we still live?

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