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The introduction was written by Rosalind Thomas, with an Editor’s and Translator’s Preface, an extensive dated outline to the text, a map key and the Nine Books. Also included are Appendices A through U, a list of ancient sources, an extensive bibliography, index, glossary, and reference maps.

The introduction discusses the following ideas relating to Herodotus:--

--The Historical Background;

--A set of four Introduction maps;

--The Intellectual and Moral World of Herodotus;

--Herodotus’ Reliability;

--Oral Tradition and Historical Narrative;

The Editor’s Preface makes the point of Herodotus’s work as being a signal accomplishment considering the aspects of time and available information. He details his ideas thoroughly in his preface to the main text.

The Translator’s Preface details her purpose in creating this translation from the Oxford Classical Text ; C. Hyde (3rd edition, 1927) for the readers of modern English with dual translations occasionally and a list of exceptions.

The Nine Books of the Histories begin with the Croesus of Lydia (716-547 BCE) and continue through the Battles of Plataea and Mycale (479 BCE).

All through the text are an extensive number of maps relating to the text page as well as a large number of photographs of ancient structures. The material text is quite interesting and with the distances translated to miles,
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yards, feet and inches the measurements shared by the original author have a much greater clarity.

Thus with the large number of maps, photographs, careful translation from the ancient Greek and the many explanatory footnotes, this translation and added appendices material makes this volume a pleasure to read, and use as a reference.

Respectfully Submitted;

Marcus Audens