OXFORD READERS

Classical Philosophy

EDITED BY TERENCE IRWIN

Classical Philosophy is a wide-ranging and accessible collection of readings from the philosophers of classical antiquity, arranged thematically and linked by explanatory comments, allowing the reader to engage with philosophical problems and ideas.

'The best way to understand past philosophers and their preoccupations is to read them. In this fine collection, Professor Irwin makes that possible across a broad range of issues in ancient philosophy. His clear, well-informed and penetrating commentary will be of immense help to those new to the texts.'

Roger Crisp, St Anne's College, Oxford

'An exceptionally useful source, this volume will meet a variety of pedagogical needs. . . . Irwin's philosophical explorations are crisp, lucid, and economical; and his ample translations of primary sources achieve an admirable balance between the sometimes competing demands of accuracy and accessibility. Students will be hard pressed to find anything to rival this work for its comprehensiveness, clarity, or sheer philosophical acumen.'

Christopher Shields, University of Colorado at Boulder

'This is a unique approach to the study of classical thought, one that gives beginning students far more help than they ordinarily receive from existing collections of historical texts.' Richard Kraut, Northwestern University

'[Irwin's] analysis of the topics and his presentation of primary and secondary readings is lucid and fairminded, drawing on his expertise in a way that is genuinely helpful to beginners in the subject. . . . I find it difficult to imagine how this ambitious project could have been better executed.'

Christopher Gill, University of Exeter