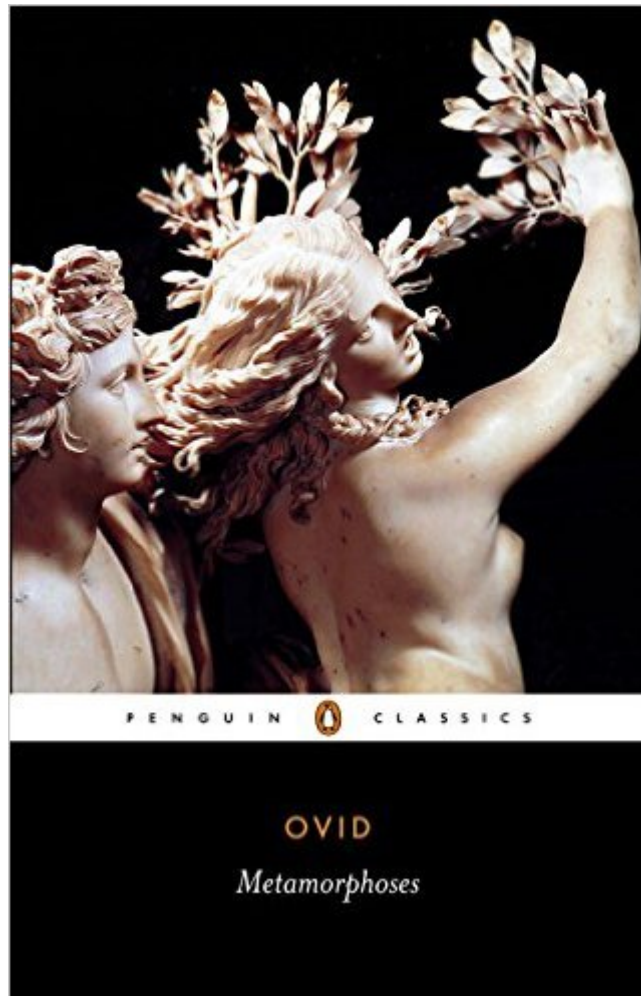


The book was found

# Metamorphoses (Penguin Classics)



## Synopsis

Ovid's sensuous and witty poem brings together a dazzling array of mythological tales, ingeniously linked by the idea of transformation—often as a result of love or lust—where men and women find themselves magically changed into new and sometimes extraordinary beings. Beginning with the creation of the world and ending with the deification of Augustus, Ovid interweaves many of the best-known myths and legends of ancient Greece and Rome, including Daedalus and Icarus, Pyramus and Thisbe, Pygmalion, Perseus and Andromeda, and the fall of Troy. Erudite but light-hearted, dramatic and yet playful, *Metamorphoses* has influenced writers and artists throughout the centuries from Shakespeare and Titian to Picasso and Ted Hughes. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

## Book Information

Series: Penguin Classics

Paperback: 768 pages

Publisher: Penguin Classics; Reprint edition (August 3, 2004)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 014044789X

ISBN-13: 978-0140447897

Product Dimensions: 5 x 1.3 x 7.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 3.9 out of 5 stars See all reviews (45 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #28,021 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #36 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Themes & Styles > Epic #41 in Books > Literature & Fiction > Poetry > Ancient, Classical & Medieval > Ancient & Classical #125 in Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Criticism & Theory

## Customer Reviews

After reading the old Penguin edition of this work, I was amazed at the improvement in not only the translation, but the organization and supplemental material as well. The old edition I read was

written in prose (yuck), the translation was was dry and boring, the text was not broken up into sections, and there were no notes to speak of. This edition, however, has really come a long way. The text has been translated into a more modern voice, making it much more user friendly and fun to read. And it's written in verse form (as it should be). The organization is top-notch: not only is it divided into "books", but is further divided into the individual stories with appropriate headings (like "Mars and Venus" and "Pyramus and Thisbe"), so it's easy to find your favorite myth and know where you are in the epic. There's also an excellent introduction to the entire work as well as introductions to each individual book, providing insights and background information. The notes in the back of the book are very comprehensive and helpful, adding greatly to your understanding of the work. On top of all that, there's a glossary of the characters in the back which not only tells you who they are, but where they are featured in the epic. And finally, as if there wasn't enough already, there's even a map in the back of Rome during Ovid's time. Needless to say, this edition is chock full of stuff to please both casual readers of the work and scholars looking to get a little more in-depth. I believe this is one of the most important and influential works of Western civilization, and everyone should have a copy. It's especially great for those who love Greek and Roman myths, since it's packed full of just about every classical myth ever conceived.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Metamorphoses (Penguin Classics) Metamorphoses (Oxford World's Classics) Fantastic Metamorphoses, Other Worlds: Ways of Telling the Self (Clarendon Lectures in English Literature) Tales from Ovid: 24 Passages from the Metamorphoses Musings on Human Metamorphoses (Leary, Timothy) The Penguin Book of Caribbean Verse in English (Penguin Classics) The Penguin Book of Russian Poetry (Penguin Classics) Penguin Classics Fear and Trembling: Dialectical Lyric By Johannes De Silentio (Penguin Pocket Hardbacks) The Penguin Arthur Miller: Collected Plays (Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition) The Penguin Book of the Undead: Fifteen Hundred Years of Supernatural Encounters (Penguin Classics) Modern Classics Journeys End (Modern Classics (Penguin)) Little Black Classics Box Set (Penguin Little Black Classics) Modern Classics Selected Poetry (Penguin Modern Classics) Homosexual Verse, The Penguin Book of (Penguin poets) American Indians and the Law: The Penguin Library of American Indian History (Penguin's Library of American Indian History) The Penguin Dictionary of Literary Terms and Literary Theory (Penguin Dictionary) The Penguin Dictionary of Critical Theory (Penguin Reference Books) Betrayal in Paris: How the Treaty of Versailles Led to China's Long Revolution: Penguin Special (Penguin Specials) Opera on Compact Discs, The Penguin Guide to (Penguin Handbooks) The Penguin Dictionary of Classical Mythology (Penguin Dictionary)

