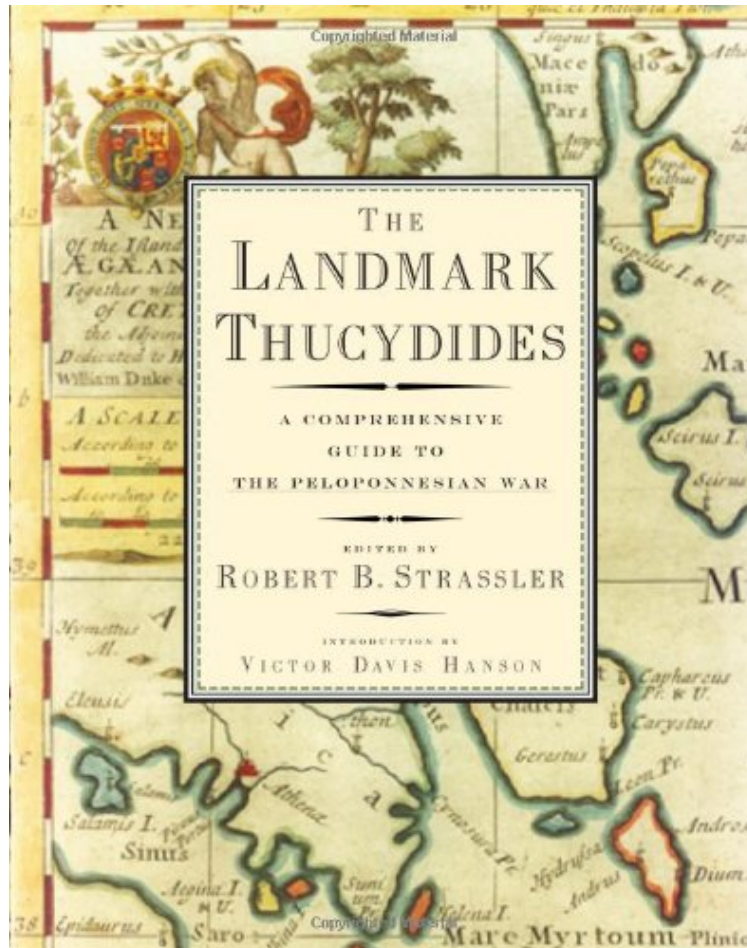


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By Anonymous This book is mostly great, but the translation is very rough in places. I highly recommend getting the hard cover edition of this book and the cheap soft cover of the Penguins Classic translation of Thucydides. I have been reading from The Landmark Thucydides except for the speeches and when I get stuck on an unclear or confusing passage. The Penguins Classic translation is miles better than this one unfortunately in terms of the actual text, but the Penguin Classic is unreadable on its own without the notes and maps from this book. The two books combine for a great reading experience. If you aren't already familiar with this conflict, I think watching the Teaching Companies' course The Peloponnesian War by Kenneth Harl first will really get you interested in this book. That's actually why I bought this book, I enjoyed the hours of lectures and wanted to know more about the battles, skirmishes, tactics, etc. My next book purchase will definitely be another landmark book.

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