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This work makes available for the first time in one dedicated volume Philip van der Eijk’s selected papers on the close connections that existed between medicine and philosophy throughout antiquity. Medical authors such as the Hippocratic writers, Diocles, Galen, Soranus and Caelius Aurelianus elaborated on philosophical methods such as causal explanation, definition and division, applying concepts such as the notion of nature to their understanding of the human body. Similarly, philosophers such as Plato and Aristotle were highly valued for their contributions to medicine. This interaction was particularly striking in the study of the human soul in relation to the body, as illustrated by approaches to topics such as intellect, sleep and dreams, and diet and drugs. With a detailed introduction surveying the subject as a whole and a new chapter on Aristotle’s treatment of sleep and dreams, this wide-ranging collection is essential reading for students and scholars of ancient philosophy and science.

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