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Abbreviations

Works of Aristotle

APo. Posterior Analytics
de An. de Anima
Cael. de Caelo
EE Eudemian Ethics
EN Nicomachean Ethics
GA Generation of Animals
GC de Generatione et Corruptione
HA Historia Animalium
Long. On Length and Shortness of Life
MA de Motu Animalium
Mech. Mechanica
Met. Metaphysics
Mete. Meteorologica
Mir. Mirabilia
Mu. de Mundo
PA Parts of Animals
Phys. Physics
Pol. Politics
Pr. Problems
Sens. Sense and Sensibilia
Sonn.Vig. de Somno
Top. Topics

Other works

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