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Stoicism is now widely recognized as one of the most important philosophical schools of ancient Greece and Rome. But how did it influence Western thought after Greek and Roman antiquity? The question is a difficult one to answer because the most important Stoic texts have been lost since the end of the classical period, though not before early Christian thinkers had borrowed their ideas and applied them to discussions ranging from dialectic to moral theology. Later philosophers became familiar with Stoic teachings only indirectly, often without knowing that an idea came from the Stoics.

The contributors recruited for this volume include some of the leading international scholars of Stoicism as well as experts in later periods of philosophy. They trace the impact of Stoicism and Stoic ideas from late antiquity through the medieval and modern periods. The story that emerges testifies to the power of Stoic philosophy – its ability to appeal even when the voices of the original thinkers are silent. The volume documents one of the most important minority reports in the history of Western philosophy.

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Abbreviations

CAG	Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca
CCL	Corpus Christianorum, Series Latina
CSEL	Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum
FDS	Karlheinz Hülser (ed.), Die Fragmente zur Dialektik der Stoiker
LS	A. A. Long and David Sedley (eds.), The Hellenistic Philosophers
PG	Patriologiae Cursus Completus, Series Graeca, ed. JP. Migne
PL	Patriologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina, ed. JP. Migne
SVF	H. von Arnim (ed.), Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta

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