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What was ancient democracy like? Why did it spread in ancient Greece? An astonishing number of volumes have been devoted to the well-attested Athenian case, while non-Athenian democracy – for which evidence is harder to come by – has received only fleeting attention. Nevertheless, there exists a scattered body of ancient material regarding democracy beyond Athens, from ancient literary authors and epigraphic documents to archaeological evidence, out of which one can build an understanding of the phenomenon. This book presents a detailed study of ancient Greek democracy in the Classical period (480–323 BC), focusing on examples outside Athens. It has three main goals: to identify where and when democratic governments established themselves in ancient Greek city-states; to explain why democracy spread to many parts of Greece in this period; and to further our understanding of the nature of ancient democracy by studying its practices beyond Athens.

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Buck <i>CAH</i>	C. D. Buck, <i>The Greek Dialects</i> . Chicago, 1955. <i>Cambridge Ancient History</i> , 2nd edn. Cambridge, 1961–; 1st edn. Cambridge, 1923–39
<i>FGH</i>	F. Jacoby, <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> , 3 vols. Berlin and Leiden, 1923–58
<i>HCT</i>	A. W. Gomme, A. Andrewes, and K. J. Dover, <i>A Historical Commentary on Thucydides</i> , 5 vols. Oxford, 1945–81
Heracl. Lemb.	Heraclidis Lembis, <i>Excerpta politiarum</i> , ed. and trans. M. R. Dilts. Durham, NC, 1971
<i>IG</i> <i>IGDS</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i> . Berlin, 1873– L. Dubois, <i>Inscriptions grecques dialectales de Sicile. Contribution à l'étude du vocabulaire grec colonial</i> . Rome, 1989
<i>Inventory</i>	M. H. Hansen and T. H. Nielsen, eds., <i>An Inventory of Archaic and Classical Poleis</i> . Oxford, 2004; entries are cited by author and page number
<i>IvO</i>	<i>Inscripfen von Olympia</i> , ed. W. Dittenberger and K. Purgold. Berlin, 1896
ML	R. Meiggs and D. Lewis, <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century BC</i> , rev. edn. Oxford, 1988

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<i>RE</i>	A. Pauly, G. Wissowa, and W. Kroll, <i>Real-Encyclopaedie d. klassischen Altertumswissenschaft</i> . Stuttgart, 1893–
Rhodes and Osborne	P. J. Rhodes and R. Osborne, <i>Greek Historical Inscriptions 404–323 B.C.</i> Oxford, 2003
<i>SEG Syll.</i> ³	<i>Supplementum epigraphicum Graecum</i> . 1923– W. Dittenberger, <i>Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , 3rd edn. Leipzig, 1915–24
Tod	M. N. Tod, <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century B.C.</i> Oxford, 1933