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From the mid-sixth to the mid-fourth century BCE a nexus of connections to Thrace defined the careers of several of Athens' most prominent figures, including Pisistratus, Miltiades, Alcibiades, and Iphicrates. This book explores the importance of Thrace to these individuals and its resulting significance in the political, cultural, and social history of Athens. Thrace was vitally important for Athens thanks to its natural resources and access to strategic waterways, which were essential to a maritime empire, and connections to the area conferred wealth and military influence on certain Athenians and offered them a refuge if they faced political persecution at home. However, Thrace's importance to prominent individuals transcended politics: its culture was also an important draw. Thrace was a world free of Athenian political, social, and cultural constraints – one that bore a striking resemblance to the world of Homeric epic.

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ARV <sup>2</sup>	Beazley, J. D. 1963. <i>Attic Red-Figure Vase-Painters</i> . 2nd ed. Oxford.
FGrHist	Jacoby, F., ed. 1923–1958. <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> . Berlin.
IG	1873–. <i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i> . Berlin.
K-A	Kassel, R., and C. Austin. 1983. <i>Poetae comici graeci</i> . Berlin.
LSJ	Liddell, H. G., R. Scott, H. S. Jones, R. McKenzie, P. G. W. Glare, and A. A. Thompson. 1996. <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i> . 9th ed. with revised supplement. Oxford.

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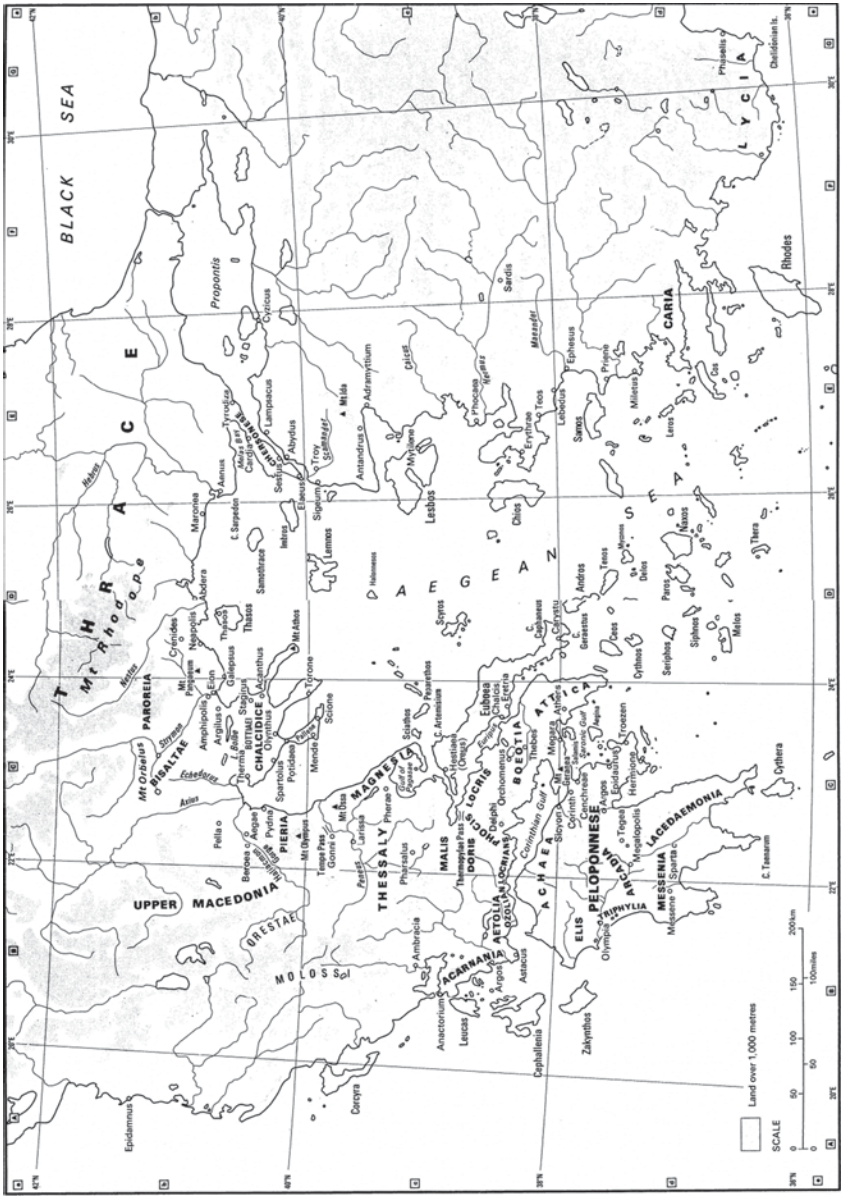
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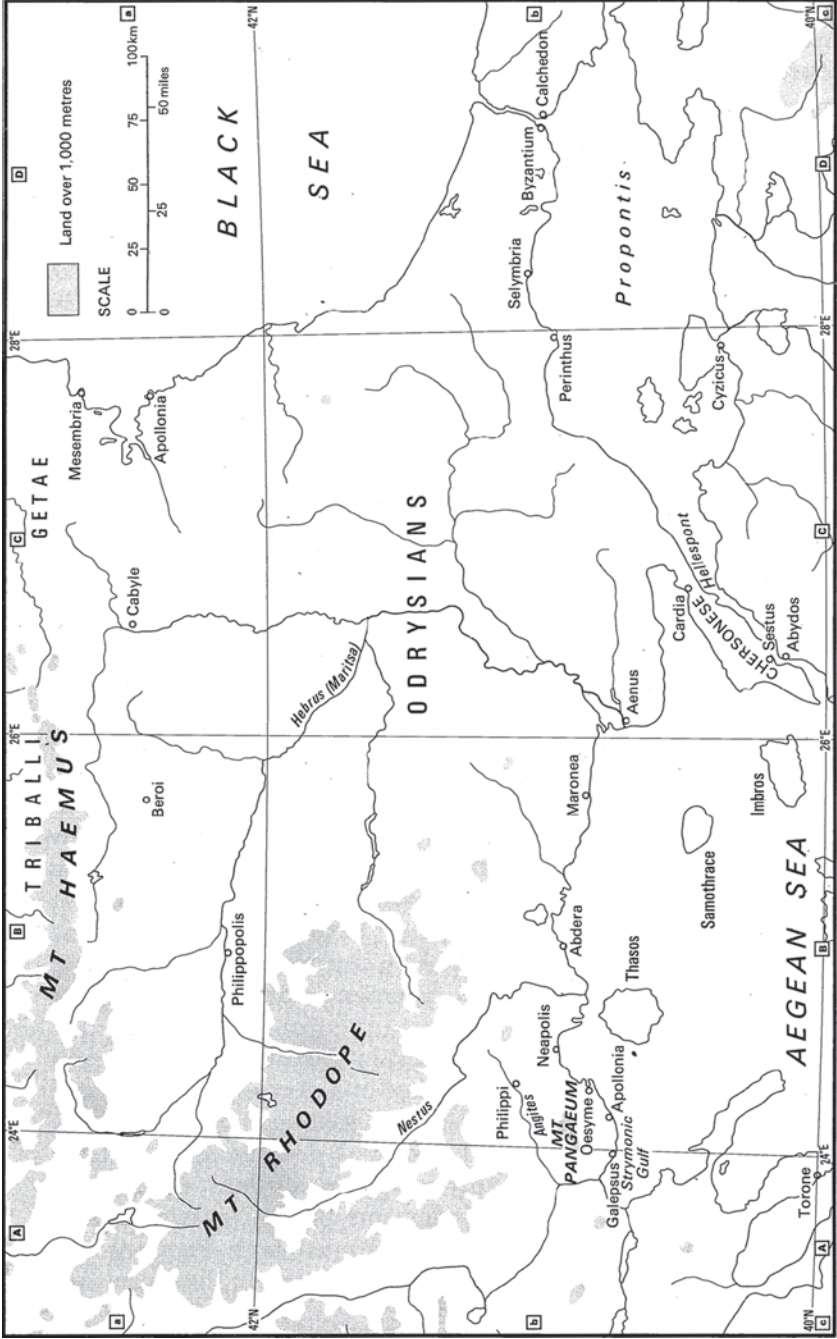
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