

## POLIS HISTORIES, COLLECTIVE MEMORIES AND THE GREEK WORLD

Greek 'local histories', better called polis and island histories, have usually been seen as the poor relations of mainstream 'great' Greek historiography, and yet they were demonstrably popular and extremely numerous from the late classical period into the Hellenistic. The extensive fragments and testimonia were collected by Felix Jacoby and have been supplemented since with recent finds and inscriptions. Yet, while the Athenian histories have received considerable attention, those of other cities have not: this is the first book to consider the polis and island histories as a whole and as an important cultural and political phenomenon. It challenges the common label of 'antiquarianism' and argues that the role of the histories in helping to create 'imagined communities' must be seen partly as a response to fragile and changing status in an expanding Greek world. Important themes are discussed alongside case studies of particular places (including Samos, Miletus, Erythrai, Megara and Athens).

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I have used Jacoby's *FGrH* numbering throughout (= *Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker*). Both the Historians' numbers and the numbering of the fragments have been retained by *Brill's New Jacoby* (BNJ), a new online edition which is still being compiled. Readers may refer to this with ease if they so wish; it supplements but does not supersede Jacoby's texts and commentary. Polis, island and ethnos historians are mainly to be found in *FGrH* Parts IIIA, B and C.

All journal abbreviations follow *L'Année philologique*; for inscriptions, *SEG* is used.

<i>ATL</i>	Meritt, B. D., Wade-Gery, H. T. and McGregor, M. F. <i>The Athenian Tribute Lists</i> , 4 volumes (Princeton, NJ, 1939–53)
<i>BE</i>	<i>Bulletin épigraphique</i> , in <i>Revue des Études Grecques</i>
<i>BNJ</i>	<i>Brill's New Jacoby</i> , General Editor Ian Worthington. Available online at <a href="http://www.brillonline.com">www.brillonline.com</a> , 2009–
Chaniotis	Chaniotis, A. <i>Historie und Historiker in den griechischen Inschriften: Epigraphische Beiträge zur griechischen Historiographie</i> (Stuttgart, 1988)
Curty	Curty, O. <i>Les Parentés légendaires entre cités grecques: Catalogue raisonné des inscriptions contenant le terme συγγένεια et analyse critique</i> (Geneva, 1995)
<i>EGM</i>	Fowler, R. <i>Early Greek Mythography, Volume 1: Text and Introduction</i> (Oxford, 2000). <i>Volume 2: Commentary</i> (Oxford, 2013)
<i>FGrH</i>	Jacoby, F. <i>Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker</i> (Berlin, Leiden, 1923–58) For commentary on <i>FGrH</i> 297–607: Jacoby, <i>FGrH</i> IIIb (Kommentar) Text Jacoby, <i>FGrH</i> IIIb (Kommentar) Noten

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 Jacoby, *FGrH IIIb Supplement* (Notes) – Volume II of Supplement, Notes to Volume I
- FGrH Cont.* Schepens, G. (ed.). *Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker Continued*, Part 4: Biography and Antiquarian Literature (Leiden, Boston, Köln), and then with S. Schorn (1998–)
- FHG* Müller, K. O. (ed.). *Fragmenta Historicorum Graecorum*, 5 volumes (Paris, 1853–70)
- GGM* Müller, K. O. (ed.). *Geographici Graeci Minores*, 2 volumes (Paris, 1855–61)
- Harding Harding, P. *The Story of Athens: The Fragments of the Local Chronicles of Attika* (London, New York, NY, 2008)
- IG* *Inscriptiones Graecae* (Berlin, 1873–)
- IMagnesia* Kern, O. (ed.). *Die Inschriften von Magnesia am Meander* (Berlin, 1900)
- Inventory* Hansen, M. H. and Nielsen, T. H. (eds). *An Inventory of Archaic and Classical Poleis*. An Investigation conducted by the Copenhagen Polis Centre for the Danish National Research Foundation (Oxford, 2004)
- IOSPE* Latyshev, V. *Inscriptiones antiquae orae septentrionalis Ponti Euxini graecae et latinae* (St Petersburg, 2nd.ed. 1916)
- IPriene<sup>2</sup>* Blümel, W., Merkelbach, R. and Rumscheid, F. (eds). *Die Inschriften von Priene*, 2 volumes (Bonn, 2014)
- LSJ* Liddell, H. G. and Scott, R. *Greek–English Lexicon with a Revised Supplement* (Oxford, 1940)
- Milet* T. Weigand (ed.). *Milet: Ergebnisse der Ausgrabungen*, Volume I, i–ix (Berlin, 1906–28)
- ML* Meiggs, R. and Lewis, D. (eds). *A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions to the End of the Fifth Century BC* (Oxford, 1969; with Addenda, 1988)
- OGIS* Dittenberger, W. *Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae* (Leipzig, 1903–5)
- RE* Wissowa, G., Kroll, W., Mittelhaus, K. and Ziegler, K. (eds). *Paulys Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumwissenschaft* (Stuttgart, Munich, 1894–1972)

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RO	Rhodes P. and Osborne, R. (eds). <i>Greek Historical Inscriptions, 404–323 BC</i> (Oxford, 2003)
SEG	<i>Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum</i> (Amsterdam, 1923–)
Syll. <sup>3</sup>	Dittenberger, W. <i>Sylloge Inscriptionum Graecarum</i> , 3rd edition (Leipzig, 1915–24)
Tod	Tod, M. N. <i>A Selection of Greek Historical Inscriptions</i> , vol. 2 (Oxford 1948)