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This volume explores journeys across time and space in Greek and Latin literature, taking as its starting point the paradigm of travel offered by the epic genre. The epic journey is central to the dynamics of Classical literature, offering a powerful lens through which characters, authors, and readers experience their real and imaginary worlds. The journey informs questions of identity formation, narrative development, historical emplotment, and constructions of heroism – topics that move through and beyond the story itself. The act of moving to and from “home” – both a fixed point of spatial orientation and a transportable set of cultural values – thus represents a physical journey and an intellectual process. In exploring its many manifestations, the chapters in this collection reconceive the centrality of the epic journey across a wide variety of genres and historical contexts, from Homer to the moon.

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*BNJ*  *Brill’s New Jacoby*: available at http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/browse/brill-s-new-jacoby

*CAH*  *Cambridge Ancient History* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1924)


*CIG*  *Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum*, ed. A. Boeckh et al. (Berlin: Königlich Preussische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, 1828–77)

*CIL*  *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*, ed. T. Mommsen et al. (Berlin: Königlich Preussische Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin, 1893–)

*FGrH*  *Die Fragmente der griechischen Historiker*, ed. F. Jacoby (Berlin/Leiden: Weidmann/Brill, 1923–)

*FPL*  *Fragmenta poetarum Latinorum epicorum et lyricorum*, ed. J. Blänsdorf et al. (Berlin/New York: De Gruyter, 2011)


*IG XII.2*  *Inscriptiones Graecae XII. Inscriptiones insularum maris Aegaei praeter Delum, 2. Inscriptiones Lesbi, Nesi, Tenedi*, ed. W. R. Paton (Berlin: De Gruyter, 1899)
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IMT Inschriften Mysia und Troas, ed. M. Barth and J. Stabber (Munich: Leopold Wenger-Institute, 1993)

IvAssos Die Inschriften von Assos, ed. R. Merkelbach (Bonn: Habelt, 1976)

IvO Die Inschriften von Olympia, ed. W. Dittenberger and K. Purgol (Berlin: Asher, 1896)


OGI Orientis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae. Supplementum Sylloges inscriptionum graecarum, ed. W. Dittenberger (Leipzig: S. Hirzel, 1903)


P.Oxy. Oxyrhynchus Papyri (1898–): available at https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/serial?id=ocyrhynchus


RG Res Gestae Divi Augusti


Th W. Theiler (ed.), Die Fragmente Poseidonius (Berlin and New York: de Gruyter, 1982)

TLL Thesaurus Linguae Latinae (Leipzig: De Gruyter, 1900–)