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All disciplines can count on a noble founder, and the representation of this founder as an authority is key in order to construe a discipline's identity. This book sheds light on how Plato and other authorities were represented in one of the most long-lasting traditions of all time. It leads the reader through exegesis and polemics, recovery of the past and construction of a philosophical identity. From Xenocrates to Proclus, from the sceptical shift to the re-establishment of dogmatism, from the Mosaic of the Philosophers to the Neoplatonist Commentaries, the construction of authority emerges as a way of access to the core of the Platonist tradition.

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Abbreviations

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IP	Isnardi Parente, M. (1980). <i>Speusippo. Frammenti</i> . Naples.
IP ²	Isnardi Parente, M. (2012). <i>Senocrate e Ermodoro. Testimonianze e frammenti</i> . 2nd ed., ed. T. Dorandi. Pisa.
L&S	Long, A.A. & Sedley, D. (1987). <i>The Hellenistic Philosophers</i> . Cambridge.

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