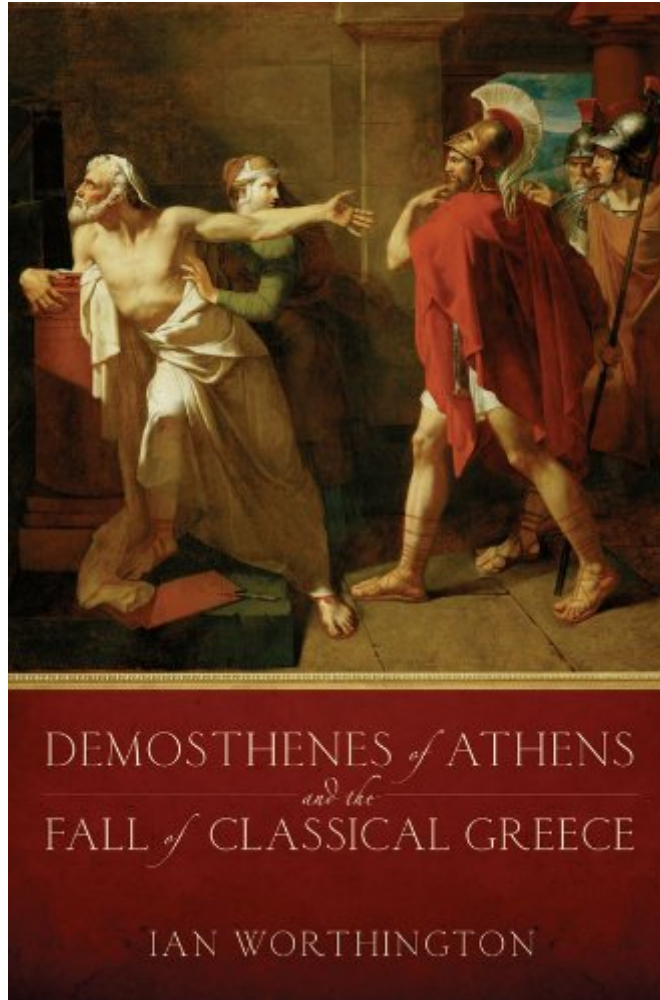


The book was found

# Demosthenes Of Athens And The Fall Of Classical Greece



## Synopsis

Regarded as ancient Greece's greatest orator, Demosthenes lived through and helped shape one of the most eventful epochs in antiquity. His political career spanned three decades, during which time Greece fell victim to Macedonian control, first under Philip II and then Alexander the Great. Demosthenes' resolute and courageous defiance of Philip earned for him a reputation as one of history's outstanding patriots. He also enjoyed a brilliant and lucrative career as a speechwriter, and his rhetorical skills are still emulated today by students and politicians alike. Yet he was a sickly child with an embarrassing speech impediment, who was swindled out of much of his family's estate by unscrupulous guardians after the death of his father. His story is one of triumph over adversity. Modern studies of his life and career take one of two different approaches: he is either lauded as Greece's greatest patriot or condemned as an opportunist who misjudged situations and contributed directly to the end of Greek freedom. This biography, the first ever written in English for a popular audience, aims to determine which of these two people he was: self-serving cynic or patriot - or even a combination of both. Its chronological arrangement brings Demosthenes vividly to life, discussing his troubled childhood and youth, the obstacles he faced in his public career, his fierce rivalries with other Athenian politicians, his successes and failures, and even his posthumous influence as a politician and orator. It offers new insights into Demosthenes' motives and how he shaped his policy to achieve political power, all set against the rich backdrop of late Classical Greece and Macedonia.

## Book Information

File Size: 2274 KB

Print Length: 418 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0190263563

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (December 3, 2012)

Publication Date: December 3, 2012

Sold by:Â Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00A4C40ZA

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #382,034 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #14

inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Europe > Greece #82

inÂ Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Historical > Europe > Greece #232 inÂ Kindle Store >

Kindle eBooks > History > Ancient Civilizations > Greece

## Customer Reviews

After a couple of centuries of warfare, the world-historical city state of Athens is spiritually staggering. Still, a generation after the great defeat by Sparta, risen like Germany, she once more is the most influential of the cities. Sadly, in a two year attempt to tighten control over her latest empire, by about 350 she has spent nearly a billion dollars on war! (Think of this as a prosperous American city and county of about 500,00 like Lancaster Pa, where I live blowing that amount in 2 years). Also she has privatized the state silver mines and they now produce much less revenue for the citizens. Citizen attempts to regain state control are futile. The rich are increasingly exempt from taxes and, again, attempts to eliminate exemptions are futile. Political quarrels abound. Meantime, up the road, the Macedonians are buying off their neighbors and investing heavily in new (weapons) technology and rethinking how an army might be organized. When Athens finally wakes up, she's flattened by King Phillip, almost as an afterthought. In fact, I don't really believe in history repeating itself like this. When I was young it was all about Spengler and the flabbiness of the West, a thesis now forgotten. Nonetheless, I found this book interesting reading, indeed. History doesn't repeat, said Twain, but it DOES rhyme. Many classical geeks besides me, I'll bet can't much fill in the historical details between the death of Socrates and Alexander except in broad outline. Alexander and his exploits are well covered and so's the defeat of Athens in the war with Sparta, but the intervening period where the mainland and the Peloponnese goes down to Phillip is much less known. This fills a lacuna in my knowledge, at least.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Demosthenes of Athens and the Fall of Classical Greece Ancient Geography: The Discovery of the World in Classical Greece and Rome (Library of Classical Studies) Alexander: The Great Leader and Hero of Macedonia and Ancient Greece (European History, Ancient History, Ancient Rome, Ancient Greece, Egyptian History, Roman Empire, Roman History) The Ancient City: Life in Classical Athens and Rome My Father had this Luger... A true story of Hitler's Greece: A true story of Hitler's Greece The Rise and Fall of Athens: Nine Greek Lives The Rise and Fall of Athens: Nine Greek Lives (Classics) Warfare in the Classical World: An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Weapons,

Warriors, and Warfare in the Ancient Civilizations of Greece and Rome Growth Hormones and Growth Factors in Acromegaly and Beyond: 4th International Workshop on "Highlights in Basic and Clinical Neuroendocrinology", Athens, November 2005: Proceedings The Hemlock Cup: Socrates, Athens and the Search for the Good Life Between Athens and Jerusalem: Jewish Identity in the Hellenistic Diaspora (The Biblical Resource Series) The Geography of Genius: A Search for the World's Most Creative Places from Ancient Athens to Silicon Valley The Threshold Of Democracy: Athens in 403 B.C. (Fourth Edition) (Reacting to the Past) Pericles of Athens The Vintage Guide to Classical Music: An Indispensable Guide for Understanding and Enjoying Classical Music Classical Music 101: A Complete Guide to Learning and Loving Classical Music Classical Trios for All (From the Baroque to the 20th Century): Trombone, Baritone B.C., Bassoon, Tuba (Classical Instrumental Ensembles for All) Classical Duets for All (From the Baroque to the 20th Century): Trombone, Baritone B.C., Bassoon, Tuba (Classical Instrumental Ensembles for All) Classical Sheet Music For French Horn With French Horn & Piano Duets Book 1: Ten Easy Classical Sheet Music Pieces For Solo French Horn & French Horn/Piano Duets (Volume 1) Classical Jazz Rags & Blues, Bk 1: 10 Classical Melodies Arranged in Jazz Styles for Early Intermediate Pianists

[Dmca](#)