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Framing the Dialogues: How to Read Openings and Closures in Plato Penn State Press

The author makes the case that Plato is engaged not only in thinking but also, and more important, in doing—that what we do with the knowledge is crucial, because it can determine the meaning and purpose of our own life. She saw that he was not merely engaging in rational philosophical discussion, but that the dialogues of Plato, especially up to the *Republic*, embody the Socratic exhortation for each individual to "take care for the soul." The dialogues therefore embody both a rational philosophy and a system of spiritual/religious principles and doctrines whose purpose is to lay out—in a public forum—the path a true disciple needs to take to have a personal and direct experience of spiritual illumination, or enlightenment.

Plato's Ten Dialogues SUNY Press

Opening an entirely new dimension of Platonic studies, this volume addresses major themes: the nature of law, property, and acquisitiveness; Socrates' famous demonic voice; the poetic claim to inspiration; and the psychology of the tyrannic.

Five Dialogues Oxford University Press, USA

In Plato's *Ion* Socrates discusses with the titular character, a professional rhapsode who also lectures on Homer, the question of whether the rhapsode, a performer of poetry, gives his performance on account of his skill and knowledge or by virtue of divine possession. It is one of the shortest of Plato's dialogues. Commentary Plato's argument is supposed to be an early example of a so-called genetic fallacy since his conclusion arises from his famous lodestone (magnet) analogy. *Ion*, the rhapsode "dangles like a lodestone at the end of a chain of lodestones. The muse inspires the poet (Homer in *Ion*'s case) and the poet inspires the rhapsode." Plato's dialogues are themselves "examples of artistry that continue to be stageworthy;" it is a paradox that "Plato the supreme enemy of art is also the supreme artist." Plato develops a more elaborate critique of poetry in other dialogues such as in *Phaedrus* 245a, *Symposium* 209a, *Republic* 398a, *Laws* 817 b-d. summary *Ion*'s skill: Is it genuine? (530a-533c) *Ion* has just come from a festival of Asclepius at the city of Epidaurus, after having won first prize in the competition. Socrates engages him in discussion and *Ion* explains how his knowledge and skill is limited to Homer, whom he claims to understand better than anyone alive. Socrates finds this puzzling as to him it seems that Homer treats many of the same subjects as other poets like Hesiod, subjects such as war or divination, and that if someone is knowledgeable in any one of those he should be able to understand what both of these poets say. Furthermore, this man is probably not the poet, like *Ion*, but a specialist like a doctor, who knows better about nutrition. The nature of poetic inspiration (533d-536d) Socrates deduces from this observation that *Ion* has no real skill, but is like a soothsayer or prophet in being divinely possessed: "For not by art do they utter these things, but by divine influence; since, if they had fully learned by art to speak on one kind of theme, they would know how to speak on all. And for this reason God takes away the mind of these men and uses them as his ministers, just as he does soothsayers and godly seers, in order that we who hear them may know that it is not they who utter these words of great price, when they are out of their wits, but that it is God himself who speaks and addresses us through them." (534b-d) *Ion*'s choice: To be skilled or inspired (536e-542a) *Ion* tells Socrates that he cannot be convinced that he is possessed or mad when he performs (536d, e). Socrates then recites passages from Homer which concern various arts such as medicine, divining, fishing, and making war. He asks *Ion* if these skills are distinct from his art of recitation. *Ion* admits that while Homer discusses many different skills in his poetry, he never refers specifically to the rhapsode's craft, which is acting.

Plato's Dialogues Penguin UK

Of all Plato's dialogues, the *Parmenides* is notoriously the most difficult to interpret. Scholars of all periods have disagreed about its aims and subject matter. The interpretations have ranged from reading the dialogue as an introduction to the whole of Platonic metaphysics to seeing it as a collection of sophisticated tricks, or even as an elaborate joke. This work presents an illuminating new translation of the dialogue together with an extensive introduction and running commentary, giving a unified explanation of the *Parmenides* and integrating it firmly within the context of Plato's metaphysics and methodology. Scolnicov shows that in the *Parmenides* Plato addresses the most serious challenge to his own philosophy: the monism of *Parmenides* and the *Eleatics*. In addition to providing a serious rebuttal to *Parmenides*, Plato here re-formulates his own theory of forms and participation, arguments that are central to the whole of Platonic thought, and provides these concepts with a rigorous logical and philosophical foundation. In Scolnicov's analysis, the *Parmenides* emerges as an extension of ideas from Plato's middle dialogues and as an opening to the later dialogues. Scolnicov's analysis is crisp and lucid, offering a persuasive approach to a complicated dialogue. This translation follows the Greek closely, and the commentary affords the Greekless reader a clear understanding of how Scolnicov's interpretation emerges from the text. This volume will provide a valuable introduction and framework for understanding a dialogue that continues to generate lively discussion today.

Republic Simon and Schuster

Socrates, as he is portrayed in Plato's early dialogues, remains one of the most controversial figures in the history of philosophy. This book concerns six of the most vexing and often discussed features of Plato's portrayal: Socrates' methodology, epistemology, psychology, ethics, politics, and religion. Brickhouse and Smith cast new light on Plato's early dialogues by providing novel analyses of many of the doctrines and practices for which Socrates is best known. Included are discussions of Socrates' moral method, his profession of ignorance, his denial of *akrasia*, as well as his views about the relationship between virtue and happiness, the authority of the State, and the epistemic status of his daimonion. By revealing the many interconnections among Socrates' views on a wide variety of topics, this book demonstrates both the richness and the remarkable coherence of the philosophy of Plato's Socrates.

Plato and the Socratic Dialogue Penguin UK

One of Plato's most enduring works, *Five Dialogues* (*Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito*, *Meno* and *Phaedo*) punctuates the key moments in Socrates' life, from his trial to his death, with timeless philosophical debates about law, love, virtue, ethics and the meaning of life.

Four Dialogues Penguin

Understanding Plato introduces beginning philosophy students to the nature of philosophy and philosophical method by providing a clear description and analysis of four of the Socratic dialogues (*Euthyphro*, *Apology*, *Crito*, *Meno*), and Plato's *Republic*. This book is a "companion" in the sense that students can consult it for commentary and guidance while reading the original classic works.

Understanding Plato is the first in a series of companion volumes offering students both a summary and critical analysis of some of the classics of ethics and political philosophy. A forthcoming volume will be devoted to John Locke's *Second Treatise of Government*. The third volume will discuss John Stuart Mill's ethical theory in *Utilitarianism* and his discussion of the limits of state power over the individual in *On Liberty*. Chapters in all volumes in the series will conclude with a set of questions for thought and discussion. Laurence Houlgate is Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, California. He received M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy at the University of California, Los Angeles, and has previously held professorships at the University of California, Santa Barbara and George Mason University, Virginia. He has published many articles in legal and philosophical journals and is the author of *The Child and the State*; *Family and State*; and *Morals, Marriage and Parenthood*.

Plato's Project for Education in the Early Socratic Dialogues Digireads.com

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Early Socratic Dialogues SteinerBooks

Draws out numerous affinities between the sophists and Socrates in Plato's dialogues. Are the sophists merely another group of villains in Plato's dialogues, no different than amoral rhetoricians such as *Thrasymachus*, *Calicles*, and *Polus*? Building on a wave of recent interest in the Greek sophists, *The Sophists in Plato's Dialogues* argues that, contrary to the conventional wisdom, there exist important affinities between Socrates and the sophists he engages in conversation. Both focused squarely on aret? (virtue or excellence). Both employed rhetorical techniques of refutation, revisionary myth construction, esotericism, and irony. Both engaged in similar ways of minimizing the potential friction that sometimes arises between intellectuals and the city. Perhaps the most important affinity between Socrates and the sophists, David D. Corey argues, was their mutual recognition of a basic epistemological insight—that appearances (*phainomena*) both physical and intellectual were vexingly unstable. Such things as justice, beauty, piety, and nobility are susceptible to radical change depending upon the angle from which they are viewed. Socrates uses the sophists and sometimes plays the role of sophist himself in order to awaken interlocutors and readers from their dogmatic slumber. This in turn generates wonder (*thaumas*), which, according to Socrates, is nothing other than the beginning of philosophy.

The Sophists in Plato's Dialogues Cambridge University Press

While the early Platonic dialogues have often been explored and appreciated for their ethical content, this is the first book devoted solely to the epistemology of Plato's early dialogues. Author Hugh H. Benson argues that the characteristic features of these dialogues—Socrates' method of questions and answers (*elenchos*), his fascination with definition, his professions of ignorance, and his thesis that virtue is knowledge—are decidedly epistemological. In this thoughtful study, Benson uncovers the model of knowledge that underlies these distinctively Socratic views. What emerges is unfamiliar, yet closer to a contemporary conception of scientific understanding than ordinary knowledge.

Understanding Plato Penguin UK

Faced with the difficult task of discerning Plato's true ideas from the contradictory voices he used to express them, scholars have never fully made sense of the many incompatibilities within and between the dialogues. In the magisterial *Plato's Philosophers*, Catherine Zuckert explains for the first time how these prose dramas cohere to reveal a comprehensive Platonic understanding of philosophy. To expose this coherence, Zuckert examines the dialogues not in their supposed order of composition but according to the dramatic order in which Plato indicates they took place. This unconventional arrangement lays bare a narrative of the rise, development, and limitations of Socratic philosophy. In the drama's earliest dialogues, for example, non-Socratic philosophers introduce the political and philosophical problems to which Socrates tries to respond. A second dramatic group shows how Socrates develops his distinctive philosophical style. And, finally, the later dialogues feature interlocutors who reveal his philosophy's limitations. Despite these limitations, Zuckert concludes, Plato made Socrates the dialogues' central figure because Socrates raises the fundamental human question: what is the best way to live? Plato's dramatization of Socratic imperfections suggests, moreover, that he recognized the apparently unbridgeable gap between our understandings of human life and the nonhuman world. At a time when this gap continues to raise questions—about the division between sciences and the humanities and the potentially dehumanizing effects of scientific progress—Zuckert's brilliant interpretation of the entire Platonic corpus offers genuinely new insights into worlds past and present.

Plato's Euthyphro and the Earlier Theory of Forms Cambridge University Press

This book is a rereading of Plato's early dialogues from the point of view of the characters with whom Socrates engages in debate. Socrates' interlocutors are generally acknowledged to play important dialectical and dramatic roles, but no previous book has focused mainly on them. Existing studies are thoroughly dismissive of the interlocutors and reduce them to the status of mere mouthpieces for views which are hopelessly confused or demonstrably false. This book takes

interlocutors seriously and treats them as genuine intellectual opponents whose views are often more defensible than commentators have standardly thought. The author's purpose is not to summarise their positions or the arguments of the dialogues in which they appear, much less to produce a series of biographical sketches, but to investigate the phenomenology of philosophical disputation as it manifests itself in the early dialogues.

Early Socratic Dialogues State University of New York Press

Widely acknowledged as his most influential work, *Republic* presents Plato's philosophical views on the nature of justice and his vision for the ideal state. THIS ENRICHED CLASSIC EDITION INCLUDES: • A concise introduction that gives the reader important background information • A chronology of the author's life and work • A timeline of significant events that provides the book's historical context • An outline of key themes to guide the reader's own interpretations • Detailed explanatory notes • Critical analysis and modern perspectives on the work • Discussion questions to promote lively classroom and book group interaction • A list of recommended related books and films to broaden the reader's experience Simon & Schuster Enriched Classics offer readers affordable editions of great works of literature enhanced by helpful notes and insightful commentary. The scholarship provided in Enriched Classics enables readers to appreciate, understand, and enjoy the world's finest books to their full potential.

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Dialogues of Socrates Simon and Schuster

The ancient Greek philosopher Plato was born around 425 BC to an aristocratic family. He was the most famous student of Socrates and would eventually go on to form his own school, the Academy. Plato's dialogues are among the most popular of all writings from classical antiquity. Plato wrote his dialogues to record the wisdom that Socrates had imparted to his students. Plato's works "*Euthyphro*," "*Apology*," "*Crito*," "*Meno*," and "*Phaedo*" are featured in this collection. These

dialogues feature Socrates speaking with a student or friend about the philosophical concerns of laws, the virtue of mankind, the purpose of the gods, and death. Each dialogue searches through different facets of philosophy and makes the reader question their own personal beliefs and morals. While there is no underlying storyline, the dialogues follow important moments in Socrates' life, from his trial to his death. Socrates was charged by the government for not believing in the Greek gods and was eventually put to death by having to drink poison. Plato's works strove to record and safeguard his teacher's wisdom for future generations to discover. This edition is printed on premium acid-free paper and follows the highly regarded translations of Benjamin Jowett.

The Roots of Political Philosophy Oxford University Press on Demand

In Plato's *Apology*, Socrates says he spent his life examining and questioning people on how best to live, while avowing that he himself knows nothing important. Elsewhere, however, for example in Plato's *Republic*, Plato's Socrates presents radical and grandiose theses. In this book Sandra Peterson offers a hypothesis which explains the puzzle of Socrates' two contrasting manners. She argues that the apparently confident doctrinal Socrates is in fact conducting the first step of an examination: by eliciting his interlocutors' reactions, his apparently doctrinal lectures reveal what his interlocutors believe is the best way to live. She tests her hypothesis by close reading of passages in the *Theaetetus*, *Republic* and *Phaedo*. Her provocative conclusion, that there is a single Socrates whose conception and practice of philosophy remain the same throughout the dialogues, will be of interest to a wide range of readers in ancient philosophy and classics.

Plato: A Guide for the Perplexed Cambridge University Press

Included in this volume are "*Euthyphro*," "*Apology*," "*Crito*," and the Death Scene from "*Phaedo*."

Translated by F.J. Church. Revisions and Introduction by Robert D. Cumming.

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Plato's *Euthyphro* is important because it gives an excellent example of Socratic dialogue in operation and of the connection of that dialectic with Plato's earlier theory of Forms. Professor Allen's edition of the dialogue provides a translation with interspersed commentary, aimed both at helping the reader who does not have Greek and also elucidating the discussion of the earlier Theory of Forms which follows. The author argues that there is a theory of Forms in the *Euthyphro* and in other early Platonic dialogues and that this theory is the foundation of Socratic dialogue. However, he maintains that the theory in the early dialogues is a realist theory of universals and this theory is not to be identified with the theory of Forms found in the *Phaedo*, *Republic*, and other middle dialogues, since it differs on the issues of ontological status.

Dialogues of Plato Les Prairies Numeriques

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