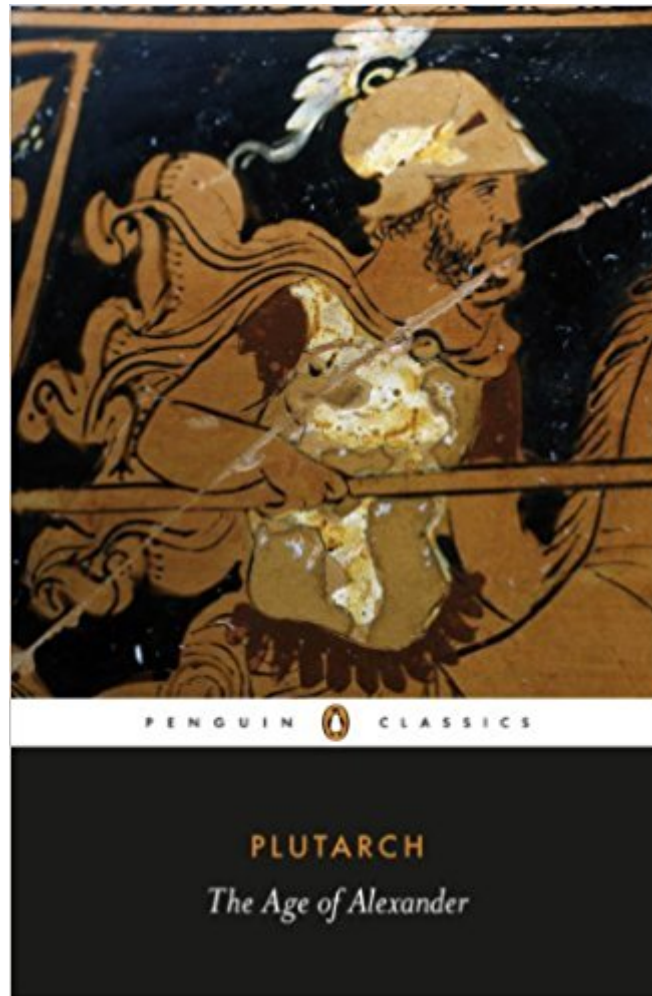




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Plutarch (c.50-c.120 AD) was a writer and thinker born into a wealthy, established family of Chaeronea in central Greece. He received the best possible education in rhetoric and philosophy, and traveled to Asia Minor and Egypt. Later, a series of visits to Rome and Italy contributed to his fame, which was given official recognition by the emperors Trajan and Hadrian. Plutarch rendered

conscientious service to his province and city (where he continued to live), as well as holding a priesthood at nearby Delphi. His voluminous surviving writings are broadly divided into the "moral" works and the *Parallel Lives* of outstanding Greek and Roman leaders. The former (*Moralia*) are a mixture of rhetorical and antiquarian pieces, together with technical and moral philosophy (sometimes in dialogue form). The *Lives* have been influential from the Renaissance onwards.

Gotta love Plutarch. This is a great copy, though I'm still holding out for when all of Plutarch's lives are published in conjunction in one volume.

A great translation of Plutarch into English. An interesting account of not only the character of Alexander but of other historical figures as well, including Demosthenes, the most famous orator of the ancient world.

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