Propertius in Love



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Review

"Goethe, whose Roman Elegies drew on him, recognized in Propertius a romantic sensibility akin to his own. Ezra Pound's Homage to Sextus Propertius, on the other hand, read the poet as a fellow satirist and political dissident. Whatever the merits of these, and other, competing interpretations, Propertius has by now certainly come into his own, acquiring a whole new generation of readers. Indeed, in his 1997 play about the scholar-poet Housman, Tom Stoppard suggests that Propertius is one of the poets who were responsible for "the invention of love" in the West. The occasion of a lively new version by the poet David Slavitt invites a reexamination of Propertius, with particular attention to what most recommends him to us today: his sophisticated exploration of love and gender relations, his difficult-we might almost say modernist poetics, his strikingly independent politics that are concomitant with an overriding commitment to love and to literature, and, finally, his attempt later in life to reinvent himself and his art."-from the foreword by Matthew S. Santirocco, New York University

Product Description

These ardent, even obsessed, poems about erotic passion are among the brightest jewels in the crown of Latin literature. Written by Propertius, Rome's greatest poet of love, who was born around 50 b.c., a contemporary of Ovid, these elegies tell of Propertius' tormented relationship with a woman he calls "Cynthia." Their connection was sometimes blissful, more often agonizing, but as the poet came to recognize, it went beyond pride or shame to become the defining event of his life. Whether or not it was Propertius' explicit intention, these elegies extend our ideas of desire, and of the human condition itself.

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翻译得比较"演绎",行数与原文不对应,没有译注。打酱油地看了几首之后放弃。

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