

Medea, The Phoenician Women, Phaedra, The Trojan Women, Octavia: The Complete Works of Seneca

Seneca was a Roman philosopher, statesman, and tragedian. He was born in Corduba, Spain, in 4 BC, and died in Rome in 65 AD. Seneca was a leading figure in the Stoic school of philosophy, and his plays are known for their powerful language and exploration of complex moral issues.



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This volume collects five of Seneca's most famous tragedies: Medea, The Phoenician Women, Phaedra, The Trojan Women, and Octavia. These plays are all based on Greek myths, but Seneca's treatment of them is unique. He uses them to explore themes such as the destructive power of passion, the horrors of war, and the fragility of human life.

Medea

Medea is a play about a woman who is driven to madness by jealousy and revenge. Medea is a powerful sorceress, and she uses her magic to destroy her husband, Jason, and his new wife, Creusa. The play is full of violence and passion, and it explores the dark side of human nature.

The Phoenician Women

The Phoenician Women is a play about the Trojan War. The play focuses on the women of Troy, who are left behind as their husbands and sons go off to fight. The play is a powerful indictment of war, and it shows the devastating effects that it has on women and children.

Phaedra

Phaedra is a play about a woman who is consumed by forbidden love. Phaedra is married to Theseus, but she falls in love with his son, Hippolytus. The play explores the destructive power of passion, and it shows how it can lead to tragedy.

The Trojan Women

The Trojan Women is a play about the aftermath of the Trojan War. The play focuses on the women of Troy, who are now slaves to the Greeks. The play is a powerful lament for the horrors of war, and it shows the suffering that it inflicts on innocent people.

Octavia

Octavia is a play about the life of Octavia, the wife of the Roman emperor Nero. The play explores the themes of power, ambition, and love. Octavia

is a strong and courageous woman, but she is ultimately defeated by Nero's cruelty and madness.

Seneca's tragedies are powerful and moving works of art. They explore complex moral issues, and they offer insights into the human condition. This volume is a must-read for anyone interested in classical literature or drama.



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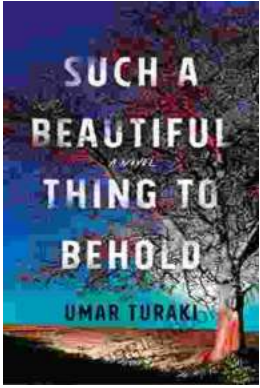
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