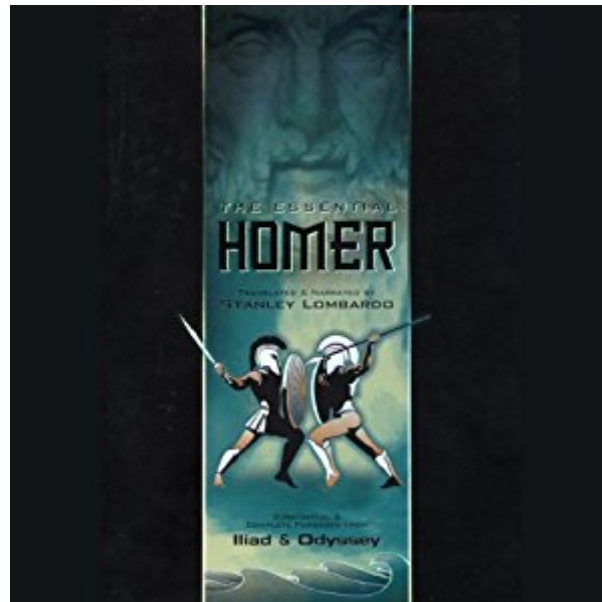




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# Homer: The Essential Homer



## Synopsis

Here are the most exciting and essential parts of two historic, epic poems: the "Iliad" and the "Odyssey". The ancient words of Homer find a new home in today's world - spoken aloud, just as Homer intended. Translated and Narrated by Stanley Lombardo. Introduction by Susan Sarandon.

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## Customer Reviews

I am really enjoying this book so far. The simple and efficient method of translation this book uses really helps to make it a smooth read while still getting immersed into the story. The techniques the translator uses helps to make the story seem to progress much faster than that of say, Lattimore who's word choices and lengthy sentences slow down the story, making sure to catch every detail. Both are brilliant nonetheless and avid readers should definitely try both. Someone actually mentioned that the style that this book is translated in makes for a good, quickly progressing, and modernized play that should be enjoyable for all audiences.

It good for the layman of classic literature, but the colloquials are a bit off-putting to readers accustomed to proper translations of Homer.

The introduction is absolutely marvelous. It is a succinct introduction to the history of oral poetry. The translation is most appealing to the upper level, junior and senior high school year, student. Before I put this on my recommended reading for the Latin AP student I did have my high school principal check the translation. She gave a "thumbs up" approval for the more mature students who

would be using it. The students were also thrilled with the translation. The student appreciates the fact that the story line is held to what is necessary and the language "is our style."

Good book!

I bought this book for my daughter who needed it for one of her classes. I was worried that, because there are so many different translations of this book from the original text, I would get the wrong one. The book arrived in great condition and my daughter, who has studied Latin, found the book to be very well translated from the original version.

Book had some writing but that was to be expected. The book is in good condition meaning all pages are there, cover isn't torn. It's a well kept up book.

These versions of the epic cut out interesting and valuable events. This gives the entire thing a disjointed feel. The narrative is really what carries this book. The translation was also a bit awkward at times, trying to simultaneously be modern and classic

Some of the passages that were deleted were important to the plot, so I was disappointed they were not included. Overall, the added glossary was useful, and the translation was easy to read but maintained the integrity of the text.

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