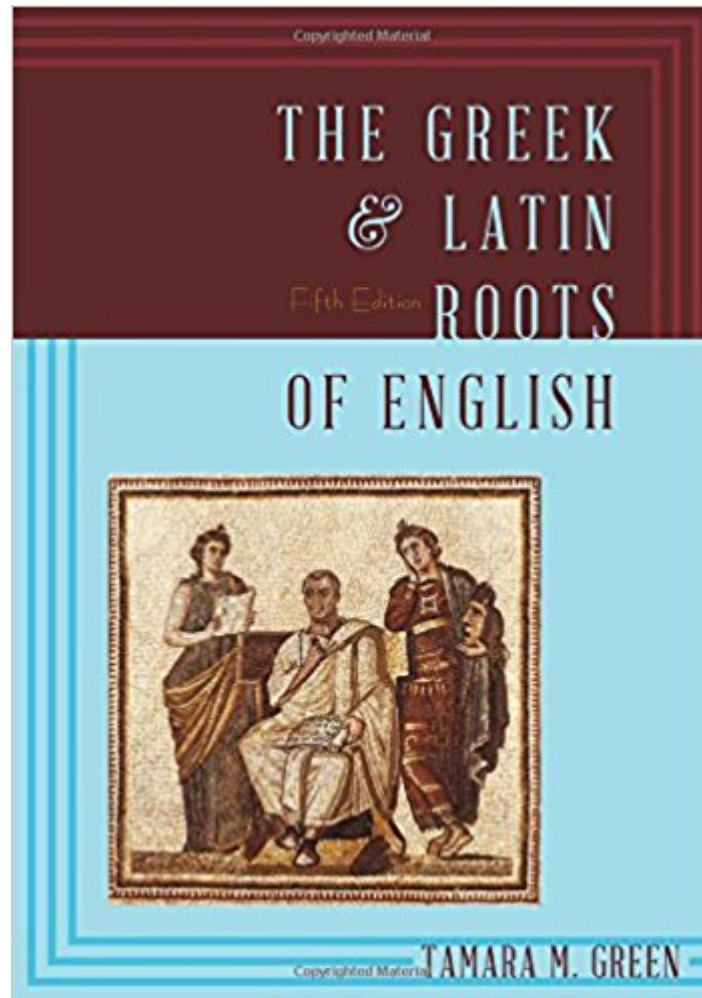




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# The Greek & Latin Roots Of English



## Synopsis

Over 60 percent of all English words have Greek or Latin roots; in the vocabulary of the sciences and technology, the figure rises to over 90 percent. Through the study of the Greek and Latin roots of English, students can expand their knowledge of English vocabulary and also come to understand the ways in which the history of the English language have shaped our perceptions of the world around us. The fifth edition of *The Greek & Latin Roots of English* maintains the book's much-praised thematic approach. After an essential overview of language history, Greek, and Latin, the book organizes vocabulary into various topics, including politics and government; psychology, medicine, and the biological sciences; literature, ancient culture, and religion; and philosophy. The fifth edition features revised cumulative exercises on tear-out pages in each chapter that reinforce both vocabulary and analytical skills from previous chapters. The fifth edition also features alphabetical vocabulary lists and other reader-friendly updates. *The Greek & Latin Roots of English* remains an essential text to help students not only learn vocabulary, but also appreciate the pleasures (and pitfalls) of language study.

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[The Greek Latin Roots of English is] a light hearted tour of our ancient inheritance. . . .Of course this volume has a place in education. . . .[I]t seeks to make learning a simple process of absorbing little bite-sized portions of knowledge, then bombards you with questions that range from aspects of Roman culture to the dropping of an atomic bomb on Hiroshima. All designed to see if you

understand what words actually mean and where that meaning stems from. . . .Old words are constantly being recycled and used again with new meanings or associations, especially in the sciences. I discovered that many words I took for granted have different, sometimes darker meanings, or that words with two completely different meanings have a common root. Who would have thought that 'glamour' and 'grammar' are closely linked? Who would have thought our modern political ideas are described by ancient terms? Who would have thought that breaking copyright is based on a word for kidnapping? Read this book and find out why. . . .This has been the hardest review I've ever written. Not because the subject is difficult, but because I can't stop opening the book and reading more. You'll just have to buy your own. (UNRV History)

The Greek & Latin Roots of English is an informative, well-organized text written with great clarity. It offers an authoritative view of the classical influence on English and will delight readers as it guides them through the surprising complexities of our vocabulary. (Tim Morris, University of Texas at Austin)

What a marvelous fifth edition of a textbook aimed squarely at today's college students who now, more than ever, need the sort of instruction that it provides. In the growing age of distance education and online courses, this book offers an invaluable classroom experience that students will thoroughly enjoy and remember for the rest of their lives. I have taught from The Greek & Latin Roots of English since the second edition published in 1995 and welcome this new one. Thanks to Green's ability to connect the languages and cultures of the ancient Greeks and Romans with those of our modern era, her textbook has been a joy to use, and our vocabulary course has become one of the most popular and important classes not only in our Classics program, but also in the entire university. (Steven M. Cerutti, East Carolina University)

With its comprehensive and thematically organized treatment, and plenty of updated exercises, The Greek & Latin Roots of English remains the most accessible textbook of its kind on the market. (David Larmour, Horn Professor of Classics, Texas Tech University)

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Although this book seems to be written to be a textbook some undergraduate studies, it can be helpful as a source to work with your own children, or in a classroom setting, to help youth acquiring a basic understanding of the influences of Greek and Latin in the English language.

I am using this as my assigned text in a Grk/Lat Roots course that I teach. I love how Prof. Green

has organized the book; it makes it very easy to plan additional assignments and lectures according to the themes of the chapters. I feel the book could be enhanced by having a more thorough and fluid set of historical introductions and frames around the chapters, but that omission allows me to fill in the gaps at my own pace. Overall I strongly recommend this text for a course book.

Good book

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