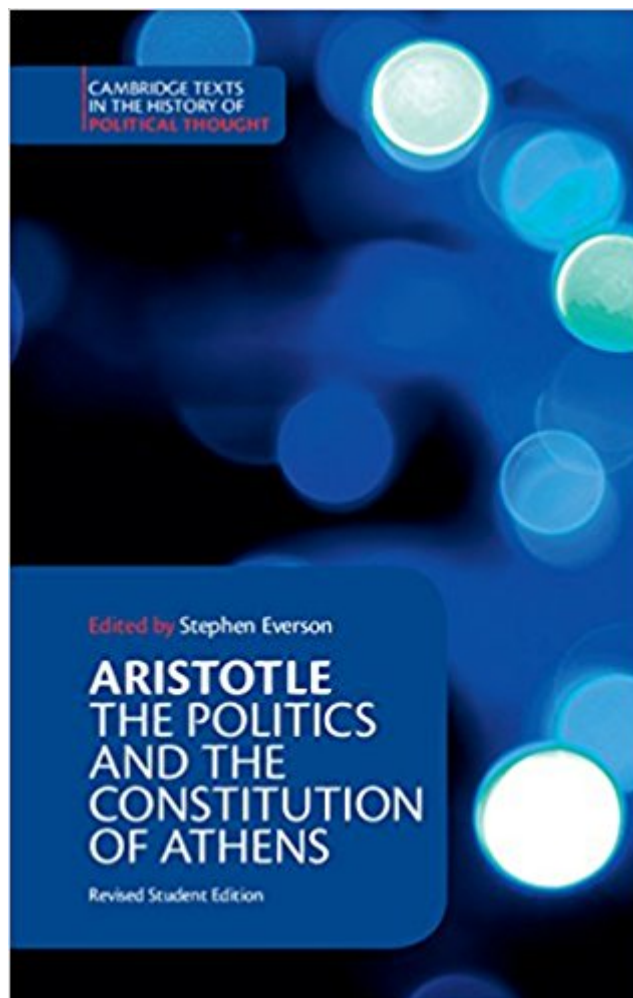




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As far as I can tell, this is a now outdated translation, with often awkward or archaic diction. I think part of the problem is that the translation is essentially Jowett's (so old it is now available in the public domain), but was reprinted for the series. It's not all turn of the century English; there are

some brighter moments, but you had best look elsewhere for a more modern translation.

Constitution and politics of Athens. Very basic, everything is included. Great resource for policies on Athens. No thorough explanations but definitive concrete policies.

Aristotle has changed the way that I view the world and other philosophers. Because he has influenced so many other philosophers, it is interesting to see how he has contributed to the shaping of history. Highly recommend.

Beautifully translated in modern english. Plus Aristotle was a straight forward writer which makes him fun to read. Buy the book

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An robot popped up with a new one: How is the author's writing? Well, that's a question that must be answered in context, so I'll answer it here rather than by a pull-down scoreboard.: It's generally accepted that Aristotle has come down to us as lecture notes rather than finished discourses (such as Plato's). The Politics (drawn from the Nicomachean Ethics) is such a text. Undistinguished in the Greek. The Constitution of Athens appears to have a different descent; there is some speculation that it is the work of someone other than Aristotle. Also undistinguished. Both English texts are the

work of Benjamin Jowett, a long-dead Englishman remembered chiefly for the virtuoso achievement of making Plato's beautiful and lucid Greek ugly and scarcely intelligible. So here we have a stumbling ugly translation. No one made an effort to come up with another one. There are no footnotes. Both texts are hard to appreciate for anyone who doesn't already have a profound knowledge of 5th and 4th C Athens and other places in Greece. The intro, presumably by Stephen Everson, is OK, but not more so than many other essays on these texts.

These Cambridge editions are, in many cases, the defacto definitive editions, and this is no exception. As far as the text itself...what can I say that hasn't been said before? It's Aristotle for goodness sake! There is a reason he was referred to simply as "the Philosopher" throughout the Middle Ages. This text, however, is not a speculative philosophical work. This is an examination of the Athenian constitution and its developmental history. It should not be surprising that as one reads this, you constantly find yourself marveling as how relevant it is as a lens through which to view political-cultural institutions of any age. And as classical Athens is credited with being among the first democracies, and the US is often credited with being among the most successful or dynamic democracies, this text is particularly insightful for any student of the American experience.

The book arrived in a timely manner and in the condition advertised. I would do business with this vendor again.

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