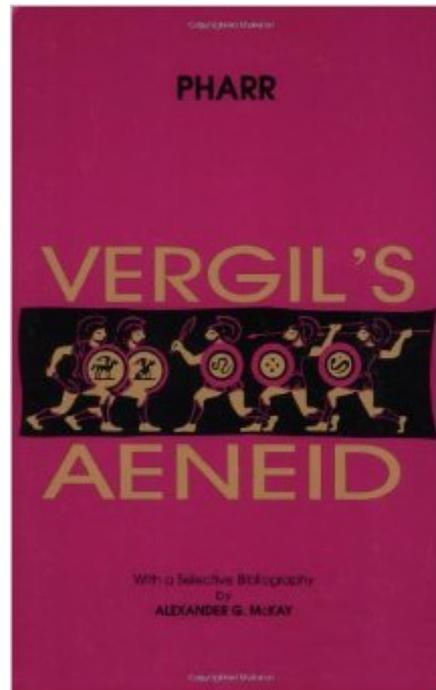


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I'm a Latin IV student and am currently using this book on my studies of the Aeneid and is made in the form of: Vergil's life, books I-VI, grammar, vocabulary on every page of the story, Clyde gives the story in Latin, and below the text is the vocabulary for the words one may not know (very helpful and saves time), and underneath those vocabulary words are notes on the passage given on that particular page. Every single page is created like this to help you glide through the pages without too much trouble and confusion. The grammar section is filled with the declensions of nouns and every

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I love Pharr's set-up with all of the footnotes, as well as the copious grammar notes in the back (I've learned a number of things from the appendix that good ol' Wheelock never mentioned!). Overall, as a Latin student, I really like the format. The one thing I don't like is related to the binding. This is the kind of text where you would want the book to lie open on its own so that you have hands free for writing out your translating, referring to other books/dictionaries/etc., but the paperback version of this book is one of those it's too stiff to lie open on its own, so you either have to crack the spine to force it to do so, or you constantly have to put a bookmark in it, close the book, do some writing, then open the book again. Minor annoyance, yes, but still an annoyance when you have a large section to be translating in one sitting. If you're going to be doing a hefty amount of translating out of the book, then you might be wise to spend a few more bucks and get the hardcover.

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