

February 5, 2024 - First Monday Epicurean Philosophy Discussion

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Just a quick note on Epicurus' book. The title listed as On Love is Περὶ ἔρωτος (Peri erōtos). Erōtos is from ἔρωξ erōs and is where English gets "erotic" so the topic of the book must be "love, mostly of the sexual passion": [See LSJ entry for the word.](#)

The word shows up in Laertius in the characteristics of the sage (118): No one was ever the better for *sexual indulgence*, and it is well if he be not the worse.

And the list of hetairai (7): Also that among other courtesans who consorted with him and Metrodorus were Mammarrion and Hedia and *Erotion* and Nikidion

I'm sure it shows up in Philodemus but that's it for DL.