

Diving Deep Into The History of The Tetrpharmakon / Tetrpharmakos

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I frequently repeat my reservations and criticisms of the "Tetrpharmakos"

Yes, the context in which Philódēmos mentions the Tetrphármakos will further support some reservations. We should remember the paragraph just before the Tetrphármakos says:

"...of those who are called Epicureans. While someone known or even described in detail by us, who also claims to be **'the authentic reader'** on select writings and on a multitude of compositions – even if he performs poorly, he has selected many passages, but in individual thoughts he is the most inexperienced! In fact, for what he must do, he looks only at the main points – just like [someone] whom they say is **'a helmsman [navigating] from the book.'**"

(Philódēmos, [Ad Contubernales], P.Herc. 1005, col. 3/4)