

# The Biography of Epicurus By Diogenes Laertius

**Post by "Cassius" of May 1, 2019 at 9:16 PM**

Our forum copy of the Biography of Epicurus by Diogenes Laertius is [here](#).

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**Post by "michelepinto" of May 2, 2019 at 1:24 AM**

Great Work!

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**Post by "Kalosyni" of November 1, 2023 at 12:35 PM**

Within the biography of Epicurus by Diogenes Laertius, it lists some of the books that Epicurus wrote, and "Of Love" is the third on the list. Is there anyway to track down if this was about "romance" or was it about all love in general? ( [Don](#) perhaps you might be able to help?)

Quote

Such, then, in number and character are the writings of Epicurus, the best of which are the following :

Of Nature, thirty-seven books.

Of Atoms and Void.

Of Love.

....(etc.)

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**Post by "Don" of November 1, 2023 at 12:47 PM**

## [Quote from Kalosyni](#)

Of Love

Περὶ ἔρωτος (erōtos)

love, mostly of the sexual passion

[Henry George Liddell, Robert Scott, A Greek-English Lexicon, ἔρωσ](#)

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## Post by “Kalosyni” of November 1, 2023 at 1:23 PM

I was just on Perseus/Tufts which also lists the word "desire":

Quote

**ἔρωσ** (“ἔρωσ, -ωτος, -ωτι; -ωτες, -ώτων”.) **a.**

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passion, love (v. von der Mühl, M. H., 1964, 169.) “ἀγαπατὰ δὲ — τῶν ἀρειόνων ἐρώτων ἐπικρατεῖν δύνασθαι. οἳ καὶ Διὸς Αἰγίνας τε λέκτρον ποιμένες ἀμπεπόλησαν Κυπρίας δώρων” N. 8.5 “ἔρωσ γὰρ ἔχεν” (sc. “αὐτούς”) I. 8.29 ]“τ’ ἔρωτος ἀνταμοιβὰν ἐδάσσατο[ Δ. 4. 42. ματέρ’ ἐρώτων οὐρανια — Ἀφροδίταν” fr. 122. 4. “χρῆν μὲν κατὰ καιρὸν ἐρώτων δρέπεσθαι, θυμέ, σὺν ἀλικία” fr. 123. 1. “εἶη καὶ ἐρᾶν καὶ ἔρωτι χαρίζεσθαι κατὰ καιρὸν” fr. 127. 1. “χάριτάς τ’ Ἀφροδισίων ἐρώτων” fr. 128. 1.

**b.**

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desire, longing “καὶ γὰρ ἑτέροις ἑτέρων ἔρωτες ἔκνιξαν φρένας” (A. W. Mair: “ἔρωσ ἔκνιξε” codd.: “ἔρωσ ὑπέκνιξε” Boeckh) P. 10.60 “οὐδ’ ἄλλοτρίων ἔρωτες ἀνδρὶ φέρειν κρέσσονες” N. 3.30 “ἀπροσίκτων δ’ ἐρώτων ὀξύτεροι μανίαί” N. 11.48

([source](#))

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## Post by “Don” of November 1, 2023 at 1:38 PM

It's also the name of Eros Ἔρωσ the Greek god of love and desire (Roman: Cupid)