

# Demetrius Lacon - Main Biography

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Demetrius Lacon or Demetrius of [Laconia](#) ([Greek](#): Δημήτριος; fl. late 2nd century BC) was an [Epicurean philosopher](#), and a disciple of Protarchus.<sup>[1]</sup> He was an older contemporary of [Zeno of Sidon](#) and a teacher of [Philodemus](#). [Sextus Empiricus](#) quotes part of a commentary by Demetrius on [Epicurus](#), where Demetrius interprets Epicurus' statement that "[time](#) is an accident of accidents."<sup>[2]</sup>

[Papyrus](#) scrolls containing portions of the works of Demetrius were discovered at the [Villa of the Papyri](#) at [Herculaneum](#). The major works partially preserved are:<sup>[3]</sup>

Quaestiones convivales (PHerc. 1006)

On the Puzzles of Polyaeus (PHerc. 1083, 1258, 1429, 1642, 1647, 1822)

On Geometry (PHerc. 1061)

On Poems (PHerc. 188, 1014)<sup>[4]</sup>

two untitled works (PHerc. 1786, 124)

In addition, he is the probable author of the following works:

On the Size of the Sun (PHerc. 1013)

On Fickleness (PHerc. 831)

an untitled work on textual criticism of Epicurus' writings (PHerc. 1012)<sup>[5]</sup>

an untitled theological work (PHerc. 1055)<sup>[6]</sup>

an untitled rhetorical work (PHerc. 128)

References<sup>[edit]</sup>

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<sup>↑</sup> Sextus Empiricus, Against the professors, 10.219-27

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<sup>↑</sup> Demetrius Lacon, La poesia: (PHerc. 188 e 1014), ed. Costantina Romeo. Naples 1988.

<sup>↑</sup> Demetrius Lacon, Aporie testuali ed esegetiche in Epicuro (PHerc. 1012), ed. Enzo Puglia. Naples 1988.

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