

Rabirius - Main Biography

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Rabirius was a 1st-century BC [Epicurean](#) associated with [Amafinius](#) and [Caius](#) as one of the early popularizers of the philosophy in Italy. Their works on Epicureanism were the earliest philosophical treatises written in [Latin](#).^[1] Other than [Lucretius](#), Amafinius and Rabirius are the only Roman Epicurean writers named by [Cicero](#).^[2]

In his [Academica](#), [Cicero](#) criticizes Amafinius and Rabirius from an elitist perspective for their unsophisticated [prose style](#), and says that in their efforts to introduce philosophy to common people they end up saying nothing. He concludes indignantly: "they think there is no art of speechmaking or composition."^[3] Although Cicero in his writings is mostly hostile toward Epicureanism, his dear friend [Atticus](#) was an Epicurean, and this remark, occurring within a [dialogue](#), is attributed to the [interlocutor Varro](#), not framed as Cicero's own view.^[4]