

Epicurus' On the nature of things

Post by “mcluhan” of February 1, 2024 at 1:42 PM

Dear Friends of Epicurus, as a newcomer let me ask for your help. Recently, I've ve stumbled upon a book the author of which reconstructs Epicurus' work. (It was published perhaps by the Oxford University Press). However, I've mysteriously lost the track of the book. So, if somebody is familiar with this book, please remind me of its bibliographical data. Thanks in advance.

Post by “Bryan” of February 1, 2024 at 1:58 PM

Hello! Welcome.

It is possible that you are thinking about this work:
<https://archive.org/details/Epicur...age/11/mode/2up>

Post by “Joshua” of February 1, 2024 at 3:11 PM

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Post by “mcluhan” of February 1, 2024 at 10:26 PM

[Quote from Bryan](#)

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No, it was a more recent book. Anyway thanks for reminding me of this edition. The book I have in mind reconstructed Epicurus' lost work (it's a voluminous book).

Post by “mcluhan” of February 1, 2024 at 10:34 PM

[Quote from Joshua](#)

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Thank you, Joshua, maybe. Sedley does reconstruct Epicurus' work. My memory may well deceive me, I have in mind a more detailed book, but Sedley's book is enough for me (for the moment)

Post by “Joshua” of February 1, 2024 at 11:14 PM

I forgot to mention that Emily Austin's *Living for Pleasure* was published by OUP within the last year or so. Dr. Austin sets a different tone than Sedley's more academic offering, and she has been very kind to us here!