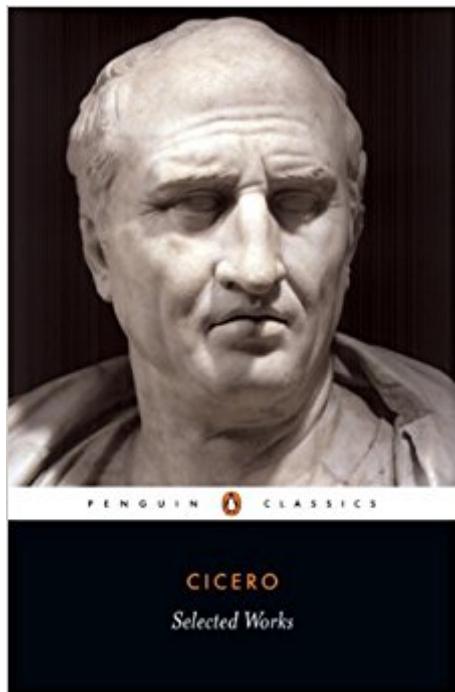


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Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 bc), Roman orator and statesman, was born at Arpinum of a wealthy local family. Having been educated in Rome, by 70 bc he had established himself as a leading

barrister and was beginning a successful political career. Cicero received honors usually reserved only for the Roman aristocracy and was one of the greatest Roman orators. Michael Grant has been successively Chancellor's Medallist and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Professor of Humanity at Edinburgh University, first Vice-chancellor of Khartoum University, President and Vice-chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast and President of the Classical Association.

Even though Marc Antony had him beheaded, he is the most near complete writer from the remains of that empire. And he is still very notable in Rome's revolutionary and civil war period that came with the death of Ceasar. Read this orator for more the factual instead of the epic verses renditions of Rome's empiricalera.

Can't go wrong reading a wise man. I'd prefer it to be a little more pithy, better edited for punch lines, but it is complete.

As expected. Very good

Hilarious given what happened to Cicero.

Excellent in all regards

Book was in perfect description and arrived very quickly. Thank you so much, my son is going to Love it!!

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