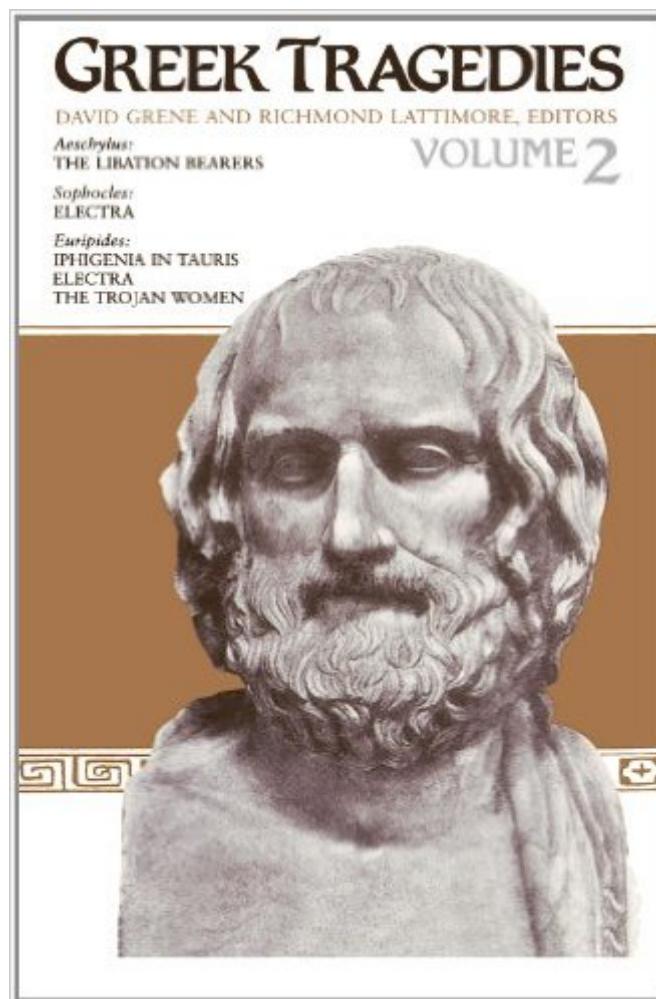


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Orestes is broken-hearted. He is instructed by the Dioscuri to depart. He had avenged the death of Agamemnon earlier. The precipitating event in *IPHIGENIA IN TAURIS* is that Iphigenia is sent to Troy. It is a plot. Her father, Agamemnon, is prepared to sacrifice his first-born. Fortunately Artemis intervenes, substituting a deer for Iphigenia's body on the deathly fire. There is a delightful recognition scene between Orestes and Iphigenia. Orestes was only a baby when Iphigenia left Argos. Athena instructs Orestes to deliver Iphigenia to Argos and for him to go build a temple. Euripides articulated his horror of aggressive war in *THE TROJAN WOMEN*. Hecuba learns she is to be a slave to Odysseus. Andromache has been chosen for Achilles's son. The women are treated as spoils of war. The men have been killed and Troy has been decimated. Cassandra is in a

passion, a frenzy. She vows to avenge the blood of her brother and her father. Cassandra notes that for the sake of Helen, thousands of lives were extinguished. At least the Trojans died for their country. Hector's reputation as a valiant man was sustained, for example. Hecuba saw Priam's throat cut, and she saw her city taken. Andromache is advised that her son is to be killed since he is the son of Hector, a hero. Menelaus appears to take away his wife, Helen. She is handed over to him for her probable execution in Greece.

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