

Grattius

Pubilius Syrus, Elegies on Maecenasgrattius, Etc L284 V 1 (Trans. Duff)(Latin)

A miscellany of mostly imperial verse. This two-volume anthology covers a period of four and a half centuries, beginning with the work of the mime-writer Pubilius Syrus who flourished ca. 45 BC and ending with the graphic and charming poem of Rutilius Namatianus recording a sea voyage from Rome to Gaul in AD 416. A wide variety of theme gives interest to the poems: hunting in a poem of Grattius; an inquiry into the causes of volcanic activity by the author of *Aetna* pastoral poems by Calpurnius Siculus and by Nemesianus; fables by Avianus; a collection of *Dicta*, moral sayings, as if by the elder Cato; eulogy in *Laus Pisonis* and the legend of the *Phoenix*, a poem of the fourth century. Other poets complete the work.

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