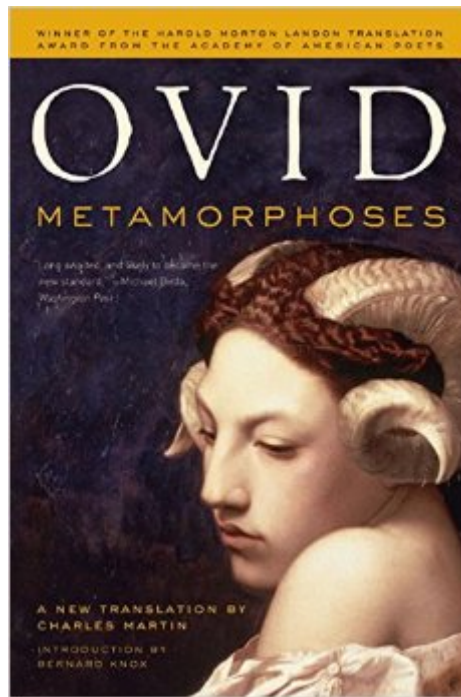


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Ovid, or Publius Ovidius Naso, justly deserves his acclaim as one of the three canonical poets of Latin literature alongside Horace and Virgil. And he knows it and doesn't bother to hide it, as he appends this bit of encomium to himself at the very end: My work is finished now: no wrath of Jove nor sword nor fire nor futurity is capable of laying waste to it.... wherever Roman governance extends over the subject nations of the world, my words will be upon the people's lips and if there is truth in poets' prophesies [sic, *Quandoque bonus dormitat Homerus*, as the Romans would say] then in my fame forever I will live. So he is the worst kind of genius: a genius who knows he is a genius. Witty, elegant, and lively, his *Metamorphoses* is a masterpiece of epic poetry that tells of the myriad odd transformations that mythical (and sometimes historical) figures from Orpheus and Icarus to Romulus and Julius Caesar go through. Throughout, he is delightfully and cuttngly mocking of pretty much the entire epic tradition and every great poet that came before him, including no less

authors than Virgil and Homer themselves. In at least three elaborate scenes, he makes so much fun of epic battles and they are hilariously and eerily reminiscent of Quentin Tarantino's comical massacre scene in his Kill Bill Vol. 1. Hell, Ovid can be tragic, comic, moving, and sarcastic/satirical all at the same time without lacking in elegance. The poem, 15 books of 1,000 lines per book, so seamlessly integrates story after story of wildly differing genres and plots and lengths that it feels like you're reading a single monomyth without getting bored or overwhelmed.

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