

La Divina Commedia

These 135 fantastic scenes depict the passion and grandeur of Dante's masterpiece — from the depths of hell onto the mountain of purgatory and up to the empyrean realms of paradise. This Everyman's Library edition—containing in one volume all three cantos, Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso—includes an introduction by Nobel Prize—winning poet Eugenio Montale, a chronology, notes, and a bibliography. Also included are forty-two drawings selected from Botticelli's marvelous late-fifteenth-century series of illustrations. Translated in this edition by Allen Mandelbaum, The Divine Comedy begins in a shadowed forest on Good Friday in the year 1300. It proceeds on a journey that, in its intense recreation of the depths and the heights of human experience, has become the key with which Western civilization has sought to unlock the mystery of its own identity. Mandelbaum's astonishingly Dantean translation, which captures so much of the life of the original, renders whole for us the masterpiece of that genius whom our greatest poets have recognized as a central model for all poets.

Dante Alighieri's terrifying masterpiece enhanced with chilling imagery from the legendary artist, Gustave Doré is a sight to behold. Join Dante on a trip to Hell in Henry Francis Cary's translated version published with Gustave Doré's terrifying artwork. Originally printed in 1861, this Retro Hell-Bound Edition includes:-The original type font-Classic page layouts-Crisp digitally re-scanned and enhanced images-8 1/2" x 11" printing-Bold new cover design-Critical explanatory notes-Chronology-The Life of Dante. Written in the 14th century, Inferno gained immense popularity in the late 19th century and stirred the imagination of contemporary artists and translators from the time. Few found inspiration in such a grand way as Doré. The immensely talented French artist created a famous series of unforgettable engravings that enhance the Divine Comedy's journey into untold depths of sorrow, pain, and madness with impeccable detail, masterful shading, imaginative landscape work, and flawless human anatomy. Years ahead of his time, Gustave Doré's imagery tells the story in a cinematic way, which was unusual for the time, and remains captivating today. One wonders how anyone could have possibly created the artwork for Inferno using tools from era. Enjoy Dante's vision of Hell and Cary's translation while admiring more than 75 unforgettable illustrations in crisp detail. The Cary-Doré edition presents Dante's thought-provoking look at the afterlife in a modern yet classical way that continues to enthrall audiences well into the 21st-century.

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Although occasionally there may be certain imperfections with these old texts, we feel they deserve to be made available for future generations to enjoy.

Dante Alighieri's journey continues in the third part of "The Divine Comedy". Opposite to the main subject in the previous two parts, "Paradiso" depicts virtues and not sins as it represents the soul's ascent to God. Dante's journey goes through the nine spheres of Heaven, associated with nine different virtues such as Justice, Faith, Love. Which is the last stage of Dante's journey and what will it bring to his soul? Dante Alighieri was an Italian poet, philosopher, language and political theorist, born in Florence in 1265. He is one of the best known poets of the Middle Ages and his masterpiece "The Divine Comedy" is considered to be a representative of the medieval world-view. "The Divine Comedy" and "The New life" were written in vernacular, i.e. the speech variety that was used in everyday life. This made the literature accessible to most people and this is mainly why Dante is called "The father of Italian language". Dante's life was divided by poetry and politics and the relationships between secular and religious authority were topics which were often depicted in his literary works.

Durante di Alighiero degli Alighieri, commonly known by his pen name Dante Alighieri or simply as Dante (1265 - 1321), was an Italian poet during the Late Middle Ages. His Divine Comedy, originally called *Comedìa* (modern Italian: *Commedia*) and later christened *Divina* by Giovanni Boccaccio, is widely considered the most important poem of the Middle Ages and the greatest literary work in the Italian language. In the late Middle Ages, most poetry was written in Latin, making it accessible only to the most educated readers. In *De vulgari eloquentia* (On Eloquence in the Vernacular), however, Dante defended the use of the vernacular in literature. He would even write in the Tuscan dialect for works such as *The New Life* (1295) and the *Divine Comedy*; this highly unorthodox choice set a precedent that important later Italian writers such as Petrarch and Boccaccio would follow. Dante was instrumental in establishing the literature of Italy, and his depictions of Hell, Purgatory and Heaven provided inspiration for the larger body of Western art. He is cited as an influence on John Milton, Geoffrey Chaucer and Alfred Tennyson, among many others. In addition, the first use of the interlocking three-line rhyme scheme, or the *terza rima*, is attributed to him. In Italy, he is often referred to as *il Sommo Poeta* ("the Supreme Poet") and *il Poeta*; he, Petrarch, and Boccaccio are also called "the three fountains" or "the three crowns".

Excerpt from La Divina Commedia: The Divine Comedy As to the form and phrasing of this translation, a few explanations seem desirable. This is a line-for-line translation retaining the original rime-form, -terza rima, or triple rime. In using the expression "line-for-line translation," it is not meant to imply that every line will be found in the translation in the exact place where it is found in the original. The substance of every sentence or paragraph presents itself to the translator as material to be freely rehandled in accordance with the exigencies of the rime and the requirements of English idiom. It will be found that the number of lines in every canto of the translation corresponds to that of the original. In conformity with the genius of our language and the practice of our poets, the Italian hendecasyllabic line is rendered by the normal English line of ten syllables. As almost every Italian word ends with a vowel sound, the feminine or double rime, involving a line of eleven syllables, is normal in that language. To what issue the attempt to transplant the Italian eleven-syllable line into English leads, has been shown by the experiment of Lee-Hamilton with the *Inferno*. Like other poets of our tongue, I have introduced the eleven-syllable lines here and there, sometimes in considerable numbers, with a view to special expressiveness. With respect to the choice of the English triple rime, I will frankly admit that the late Professor Charles Eliot Norton very strongly, although very kindly, advised me against it. Certainly there was little to encourage one in the results attained by those who had previously attempted to render the Poem in this form. To argue that because no one had succeeded with terza rima in English, failure was necessarily a foregone conclusion, seemed to me a plain begging of the question. About the Publisher Forgotten Books

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Divine ComedyPurgatory

The most celebrated work of Dante is the Divine comedy--a vision of hell, purgatory and heaven that provides a strangely surrealistic view of medieval attitudes on religious dogma and the price of disobedience.

Dante (1265-1321) is the greatest of Italian poets and his DIVINE COMEDY is the finest of all Christian allegories. To the consternation of his more academic admirers, who believed Latin to be the only proper language for dignified verse, Dante wrote his COMEDY in colloquial Italian, wanting it to be a poem for the common reader. This edition is translated by, and includes an Introduction by, Dorothy L. Sayers.

This edition gives a side-by-side parallel translation of Dante's Divine Comedy using Longfellow's translation. The Divine Comedy is an epic poem written by Dante Alighieri between 1308 and his death in 1321. It is generally considered to be the preeminent work of Italian literature and one of the greatest works of world literature. The poem is written in the Tuscan dialect, and the poem helped establish this dialect as the standardized Italian language. The poem is divided into three parts: Inferno, Purgatorio, and Paradiso. At the superficial level, the poem describes Dante's travels through Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven; but at a deeper level, it ia an allegory of the soul's journey towards God. In order to articulate this journey towards God, Dante uses on medieval Christian theology and philosophy, especially Thomistic philosophy and the Summa Theologica of Thomas Aquinas. Longfellow's translation is considered to be the best translation, overall. Longfellow, being a poet himself, was able to create a flowing translation that has not been surpassed.

The second volume of the Divine Comedy presents the Purgatory. Continuing the story of the poet's journey through the medieval Other World under the guidance of the Roman poet Virgil, the Purgatory culminates in the regaining of the Garden of Eden and the reunion there with the poet's long-lost love Beatrice.

The Paradise, which Dante called the sublime canticle, is perhaps the most ambitious book of The Divine Comedy. In this climactic segment, Dante's pilgrim reaches Paradise and encounters the Divine Will. The poet's mystical interpretation of the religious life is a complex and exquisite conclusion to his magnificent trilogy. Mark Musa's powerful and sensitive translation preserves the intricacy of the work while rendering it in clear, rhythmic English. His extensive notes and introductions to each canto make accessible to all readers the diverse and often abstruse ingredients of Dante's unparalleled vision of the Absolute: elements of Ptolemaic astronomy, medieval astrology and science, theological dogma, and the poet's own personal experiences.

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