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*Leonard Cottrell*

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*Jose Carlos Somoza*

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In classical Athens, one of the pupils of Plato's Academy is found dead. Suspecting this wasn't an accident, his teacher asks Herakles, the "Decipherer of Enigmas", to investigate. A second plot unfolds in parallel through the footnotes of the translator of the text.

*Rachel Cusk*

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A woman arrives in Athens in the height of summer to teach a writing course. Once there, she becomes the audience to a chain of narratives as the people she meets tell her one after another the stories of their lives. The storytellers talk of their loves and ambitions and pains, their anxieties, their perceptions and daily lives. In the stifling heat and noise of the city the sequence of voices begins to weave a complex human tapestry: the experience of loss, the nature of family life, the difficulty of intimacy, and the mystery of creativity itself.

*Jennifer Barclay*

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## MAPS & GUIDES

*Homer, Bernard Knox (introduction),  
Bernard Knox (notes), Robert Fagles  
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*Freytag & Berndt*

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