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Summary:

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Babrius is the reputed author of a collection (discovered in the 19th century) of more than 125 fables based on those called Aesop's, in Greek verse. He may have been a hellenised Roman living in Asia Minor during the late 1st century CE. The fables are all in one metre & in very good style, humorous & pointed. Some are original.

Phaedrus, born in Macedonia, flourished in the early half of the 1st century CE. Apparently a slave set free by the emperor Augustus, he lived in Italy & began to write Aesopian fables. When he offended Sejanus, a powerful official of the emperor Tiberius, he was punished but not silenced. The fables, in five books, are in lively terse & simple Latin verse not lacking in dignity. They not only amuse & teach but also satirise social & political life in Rome.

This edition includes a comprehensive analytical Survey of Greek & Latin fables in the Aesopic tradition, as well as a historical introduction.

INTRODUCTION: The aesopic fable in antiquity. Nature & origin of fable. Aesop. Babrius. Phaedrus

BABRIUS: Introduction. Text & translation of the metrically extant fables

PHAEDRUS: Introduction. Text & translation of the metrically extant fables

APPENDIX: An analytical survey of Greek & Latin fables in the Aesopic tradition

INDICES: Index of fables. Index of proper nouns & adjectives occurring within the fables

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