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This collection of essays by Benardete (classics, New York Univ.) brings together 20 unpublished or difficult-to-find works covering a period of approximately four decades. Subjects addressed include The Iliad, Greek tragedy, several Platonic dialogues ("Timaeus," "Lysis," "Symposium," "Phaedo," and others) and Aristotle's Metaphysics. The introduction discusses Benardete's approach to his work and the manner in which he carries out his analyses and is a useful preparatory to the essays. For those who have extensive backgrounds in Greek classics or philosophy, these essays will be of considerable interest and value. They are not, however, intended for newcomers to these fields of study, as the detail and depth of the analyses are quite extensive. Benardete is an exceptional writer; his prose is clear, and the structure of his discussion is always evident. This collection should be a welcome addition to academic libraries supporting upper undergraduate or graduate studies in classics or philosophy, particularly since several of the essays have never before appeared in print.

-Terry C. Skeats, Bishop's Univ. Lib., Lennoxville, Quebec

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