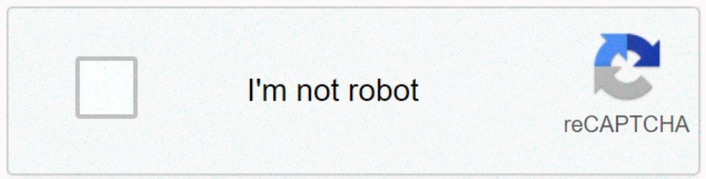

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Was any book to roll over into English more times than this tale of Aeneid's travels and the eventual founding of the Roman Empire? Probably not, given both the pestility of the poem and the relative availability of the Latin language. When you further examine all the partial or complete versions in a private manuscript - often the work old classic teachers shared with their students - we really come 100% of something that comes close to us as a cloud. Robert Fagles, the new translator of the post, comes to the fry well armed. An emeritus professor of comparative literature at Princeton, he has already translated, with great success, Homer Iliad and Odyssey. And his publisher for Aeneid, Viking, suppressed it handsomely, with a clear map, a useful glossary of thenunciation, and a harmonious combination of layout and type of font and binding. For all its translations, Aeneid erects significant obstacles for those who hope to make it into the pleasure of the English language. Perhaps the most formidable of these is the diminishing narrative of the tale. Most of what lingers in the reader's memory - Troy's fall, Dido's passion and ultimate suicide, Aenea's journey to the Underworld - unfolds in the first six of the 12 books of the remutage; The second half of the epic largely documents a successful military campaign against Ruthulians in Italy.I have conducted a small survey over the years, asking various fellow English professors to name Aeneas's main opponent - the Tourneus warrior, a Rutulians leader who stands in relation to Aeneas, as Hector does with Achilles. They often can't, which I find encouraging. For who can blame them, given that Turnus is, as epic antagonists go, so mildly wonderful? (Or is it wonderfully soft?) It is beautiful, beautiful and, when left on its own devices, is peace-made. If he's occasionally obsessed with blood-lust, it's mostly the gods do. When we meet him first, he sleeps heavily — until the messenger of the vengeful Juno woke up, who forks him into rage and carnage. Aeneid suffacies the fascinating, inevitable feeling that much of what goes seriously wrong on earth is not unacceptable to human will. There is something comforting to the conception of the Believer of mankind, in which little malice and unreasonableness and malice seem congenital to our kind. And there is something hectic as well - a vision of a world that would be safer and safer if only heaven had emptied. (This vision may be familiar to those of us who sometimes feel we would be better off if our own gods, whose Mount Olympus is Capitol Hill, would all go.) Fagles turns The Vergelia hexameters into variable lines, long and flexible. The result is a free verse, with the specter of a hexameter serving as a free rebar: the war and the man I sing - an exile driven by Destiny, he was the first to flee the shores of Troy, destined to reach the Lavin shore and Italian land, but many of the blows he took on land and sea from the gods above. ... The line length question poses a fundamental and possibly unsolvable dilemma. Between the Latin hexameter and the standard English line for long narrative poems — iambic pentameter — lies impregnable lime. The Latin line simply contains more information than you can securely pack into your English counterpart. Then the translator has to make a choice. Does it go with the long approximation of Latin (at the risk of producing a vaguely English block that tends to sag in the middle)? Or will he, in fidelity to English poetic traditions, accept something shorter (risking losing the feeling of an expansive original)? It's a question that every major Aeneid translator - a list that includes John Dryden, S. Day Lewis, Rolf Humphreys and Robert Fitzgerald - has encountered. Fitzgerald's translation, which appeared in 1983, has long served as my own standard edition, and to read it side by side with Fagles is fascinating. Fitzgerald uses a taut shorter line (a jammed pentameter, with many screeds — a meter he subtly shakes and tightens as he goes along), and in moments of great lyrical intensity, his version regularly seems to be more tenuous, richer. Here's a Trojan horse messing around in town: . All pitched to get the figure backed up by rollers, eating lines around the neck. Deadly, pregnant with enemies, the horse crawled up to the breach. Fitzgerald. We break our own hefts, we're thrown our defense open, the whole field in the work. The sleek running rollers we wheel under his hoof, and the heavy ropes with the hooves we tie around his neck, and are thrown with male hugs, a huge lethal engine climbing our city walls... No, neither Dido, at the end of wit, is portrayed just before suicide: She prayed then to any force could take care of understanding justice for the grief of lovers bound by uneven love. Fitzgerald. And then to any power above, an attentive, even-hands-in who keeps an eye on lovers bound by unequal passion, Dido says his prayers. No, no And here is my favorite passage in the poem — this is the moment when the always submissive Aenea, with his exhausted, desperate on his side, balancing the marvelous burdens of the past and the future: Wherefore, I am resigned, took my father, and turned my face to the mountain range. Fitzgerald. So I finally gave way and picked up my father, headed for the mountains. No, no, no, if the scorching moments belong to Fitzgerald, there's a capacity to the Fagles line that's well suited to the ebb and flow of this great story. Aeneas is the man who will quit the storm - the epic opens a shipwreck on the coast of Africa - and Fagles makes a pilgrimage in cadences that are covered without feeling cluttered. As Fitzgerald would surely agree, the sea has a lot of voices, and this is one of them. You could say that it is a kind of destiny of Aeneas to wander the seas for years, in the Odyssey of Fashion, only to find a collapse on the shores of Eliad. In Book 7, when the extended campaign against Rutulyan begins, Aenea's private self mostly falls, as required, for his military duties as commander-in-chief to eclipse everything else. Internal voices are another casualty of war. As a literary creation, Aeneas is remarkable for how this most powerful and influential warrior seems the least free of people. He lays cornerstones for an empire without precedent that will (in addition to the biblical fiat suite) impose fiat lexicons across the land: Roman notions of law and order will ultimately prevail from the Irish Sea to the Caspian Sea, from Russia to Morocco. But Aeneas himself obviously says little about the issue. If left to his devices, he will be content to stay with Dido in Africa, where life is sheltered and the pleasures of flesh are dizzyingly sweet. But it is called the country — what to say, the gods have other plans. Vergilius openly pays tribute to Homer, both in images and incidents. (There seems to be nothing, not even the will of the gods, as inevitable as a literary convention.) If Aeneid can hardly match Eliad as a portrait of war, then in some ways the successor highlights the model. Aeneid obsessively captures a psyche weathered by a soldier who had had enough - but who cannot declare that he is sufficient until lasting peace is secured. By the time the battered Aenea reaches the shores of Italy, he is the least bloodied man, praying that his people can safely cohabitate with rutulians. For centuries, Aeneid has undoubtedly spoken with particular poignancies toward veteran commanders around the world who can read their own lives in an ancient poem composed when bows and arrows were the front edge in an air war. Aeneid contains two significant passages of prophetic propaganda as the present disappears and neighboring centuries reveal themselves as sunny valleys in puring fog. The first occurs when Ae Neas, visiting his father in the Underworld, glory of the empire approaching Rome. The second occurs when Vulcan tells him a shield, which chronicles centuries of triumph: He knows nothing about these events, but takes his breath, raising on his shoulders now the glory and fate of all the children of his children. Vergilius also looks back, reminding us how the Trojans and their city, perched at dawn on the outskirts of Asia, eventually came to dust. And as even the victorious Greeks came to gunpowd. But Rome — says its readers — will never fade. Vergilius was wrong, and this is one of the most beautiful ironies of Aeneid, that while she celebrates the political - the assailant of the empire, young and powerful and brave - as the pinnacle of human achievement, her greater and more durable feat lies elsewhere. The triumph, after all, is literary, of course, as well as collective — because it partly belongs to those white translators who have proven such justified judgments to an unenviable tale. They are dominated by an army, among which Robert Fagles appears as a new and noble standard-bearer. standard media.

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