



ENCYCLOPEDIA OF  
ANCIENT NATURAL SCIENTISTS

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*The Encyclopedia of Ancient Natural Scientists* is the first comprehensive English-language work to provide a survey of ancient natural science, from its beginnings through to the end of late antiquity. A team of over 100 of the world's experts in the field have compiled this *Encyclopedia*, including entries which are not mentioned in any other reference work – resulting in a unique and hugely ambitious resource which will prove indispensable for anyone seeking the details of the history of ancient science.

Additional features include a *Glossary*, *Gazetteer*, and *Time-Line*. The *Glossary* explains many Greek (or Latin) terms difficult to translate, whilst the *Gazetteer* describes the many locales from which scientists came. The *Time-Line* shows the rapid rise in the practice of science in the 5th century BCE and rapid decline after Hadrian, due to the centralization of Roman power, with consequent loss of a context within which science could flourish.

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