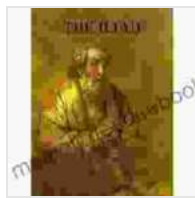


# The Iliad as Translated by Samuel Butler: A Timeless Epic of War, Tragedy, and Human Nature

The Iliad, an epic poem attributed to the ancient Greek poet Homer, is a monumental work of literature that has captivated readers for centuries. It tells the story of the Trojan War, a ten-year conflict between the Greeks and the Trojans, sparked by the abduction of Helen, wife of Menelaus, by the Trojan prince Paris. Samuel Butler's masterful translation of The Iliad into English prose makes this timeless epic accessible to modern readers, allowing them to experience its grandeur and timeless themes.



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Hector, the Trojan prince, bids farewell to his wife Andromache and their son before going into battle.

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## Further Reading

- The Iliad by Homer, translated by Samuel Butler
- The Iliad
- The Iliad by Homer, translated by Robert Fagles



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