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Prefatory Note

This volume contains periodical papers and book chapters on Propertian and other Roman elegy published over thirty-five years (1969-2003) in the UK, USA, and five European countries. Because of their disparate origins, the academic and typographical conventions of the original publications were highly varied, and the earlier papers contained abbreviated bibliographical references acceptable at their time, but now no longer so. Harmonization of styles and updating of references throughout the volume would have greatly extended the production process, risked the intrusion of new errors, and blurred the chronology. Hence the conventions of the original publications, with the exception of a few oddities, have in general been retained; and a composite list of all works cited in the collection, with full bibliographical references to items cited incompletely in early papers, has been appended.

Misprints and reference errors in the originals have been silently rectified where they have come to light. Very occasionally minimal rewording has repaired major infelicities of expression, and punctuation has similarly been inserted in a few places to remove unclarity. But in substance the papers are reprinted unrevised, and, since *L'Année philologique* on-line has reduced the need for follow-up coverage, no addenda or references to subsequent scholarship have been introduced.

All the items have been reset. Original page numbers are noted in the margins. Resetting has resulted in some reformatting; hence the layout of quotations, lists, etc. may differ from that of the originals and, whereas some originals printed the notes as endnotes, in this volume all notes are footnotes. Internal cross-references within individual papers have been altered to correspond with the pagination of this volume. References within one paper to other papers in this volume usually give both the original pagination and, in curly brackets, the page numbers within the volume.

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