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"A fine translation, accurate and energetic."
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"Intended for a Greekless readership, veteran translator Peter Green's brilliant new version of the *Iliad* does full justice to the extraordinary genius of Homer's epic tragedy, not only capturing the original's pristine force but also skillfully controlling the rhythm, idiom, and rhetoric of the master poet's hexameter verses."—Paul Cartledge, A.G. Leventis Professor of Greek Culture at Clare College, Cambridge University

"It is not easy to stake out new ground with an *Iliad* translation, but Peter Green has done so magnificently. Reading—or, much better, hearing—this translation must be as close as one can get in English to the original Greek experience, and Green's sensitivity to the rhythms, word-order, and stylistic register of the original is truly impressive. The excitement and horror of the battle scenes are caught as vividly as the love and sadness in the parting of Hector and Andromache, and there is a brilliant and wide-ranging introduction too. A lifetime of experience as critic and translator has gone into this, and it shows."—Christopher Pelling, Regius Professor of Greek at Oxford University

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