



Composed in Campania during last 11 years of Virgil's life, 30-19 B.C.
Celebrates the origin of Roman Empire and the Latin Race.

- Book One: For 7 years Aeneas has wandered since Fall of Troy, seeking Latium; has just left Sicily. Juno causes storm on Trojan fleet, ships are wrecked, Trojans finally land in Carthage where Dido greets them. Venus causes Dido to fall in love with Aeneas.
- Book Two: Aeneas tells Dido story of his adventures since fall of Troy, Trojan horse, death of Laocoon and Priam, how Aeneas carried Anchises from walls of Troy on his shoulders.
- Book Three: Story continues, how Trojans landed at Thrace, Delian Oracle tells Aeneas to seek Latium, Aeneas mistakes it for Crete where there is plague. Island of Harpies; Helenus the Seer tells Aeneas route he must take, Latium will be known by white sow with litter by quiet stream. Cyclops in Sicily, Anchises dies. Libya.
- Book Four: Dido and Aeneas love in cave, Jupiter orders Aeneas to leave Carthage. Dido pleads with him to stay, Aeneas must go; she curses him. As Trojan fleet sails away, Dido kills herself still cursing Aeneas and his race.
- Book Five: Anniversary games for Anchises: ship race, foot race, boxing match, shooting match, riding.
- Book Six: AENEAS PLUCKS GOLDEN BOUGH AND DESCENDS WITH SIBYL TO UNDERWORLD: cave of Avernus, River Styx, ghosts of unburied dead. Charon lets Aeneas cross Styx, Cerberus is quieted with honey cake. The dead are described: infants, unjustly condemned, lovers (including Dido). Tartarus, where worst criminals are tortured. Elysium, where blessed enjoy serene life. Aeneas sees Anchises, tries to embrace him; Anchises foretells future of Rome and heroes, from Romulus to Augustus. Aeneas leaves by Ivory Gate.
- Book Seven: Aeneas and Trojans reach mouth of Tiber, find Latium: Latinus is king, daughter Lavinia. Italian tribes try to expel Trojans, including Turnus and Virbius, son of Hippolytus.
- Book Eight: City on Palatine Hill, part of future Rome; white sow with litter. Vulcan makes shield for Aeneas, scenes of future Rome.
- Book Nine: Turnus blockades Trojan camp, fires Trojan ships.
- Book Ten: Gods debate on Olympus; Turnus kills Pallas, chases phantom Aeneas.
- Book Eleven: Italian tribes propose single combat between Turnus and Aeneas.
- Book Twelve: Single combat is prepared but Aeneas is wounded, Venus heals him. Trojans fire city of Latinus, Aeneas fights with Turnus and wounds him, is about to spare his life but sees spoils of Pallas and kills him.

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