



Ancient Loons: Stories Pingree Told Me (Hardback)

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Taylor Francis Inc, United States, 2012. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Ah, I m Pingree. We meet again. Splendid. Won t you sit down? I looked around David s room. Short of the library stacks, I had never seen so many books piled into a single room. Where could I sit down? Every square inch of horizontal surface was covered. Books, papers, notes, manuscripts- all congregated in random and chaotic disorder. This small encounter and the snapshot of the protagonist on the cover of this book introduce the reader to David E. Pingree, the eminent classicist, Orientalist, historian of ancient science, and member of the Department of the History of Mathematics at Brown University. This is a book of his stories, retold by Phil Davis, award-winning author and raconteur par excellence, who reconstructs them from letters and many conversations with his friend Pingree. The stories trace connections between ancient characters, historical and mythical, and recreate a world in which the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake leads to unexpected pleasures and associations. They capture a world best described by Saul Lieberman s quip about Gershom Scholem s great work on the Kabala: Trash is trash; but...



Reviews

Absolutely essential read publication. it absolutely was writtern very completely and valuable. It is extremely difficult to leave it before concluding, once you begin to read the book.

-- **Sarai Lebsack**

Thorough guide for book enthusiasts. I am quite late in start reading this one, but better then never. Your lifestyle span will be transform when you total reading this article book.

-- **Lindsey Larson**