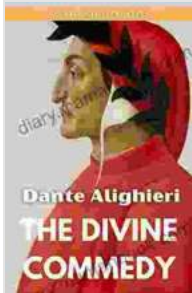


# The Divine Comedy Illustrated Delphi Classics: A Journey Through Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory with Dante



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The Divine Comedy is an epic poem by Dante Alighieri, written in the early 14th century. It tells the story of Dante's journey through the afterlife, from the depths of Hell to the heights of Paradise. Along the way, he encounters a wide range of characters, including historical figures, mythological creatures, and religious figures.

The Divine Comedy is a complex and multi-layered work, which has been interpreted in many different ways. It is a work of great beauty and power, and it has had a profound influence on Western literature and thought.

The Delphi Classics edition of The Divine Comedy is fully illustrated with over 100 engravings by the renowned artist Gustave Doré. These stunning

engravings bring the poem to life, and they provide a unique and immersive experience for the reader.

This definitive edition of *The Divine Comedy* is a must-have for any lover of literature. It is a beautiful and authoritative edition of one of the greatest works of Western literature.

## **The Journey Through Hell**

Dante's journey through Hell begins at the gate of the city of Dis. Here, he is met by the three-headed dog Cerberus, who guards the entrance to the underworld. Dante and his guide, the Roman poet Virgil, must overcome Cerberus in order to enter Hell.

Once inside Hell, Dante and Virgil descend through a series of nine circles. Each circle is inhabited by different types of sinners, who are punished for their crimes in various ways.

The first circle of Hell is Limbo, where the unbaptized and virtuous pagans reside. The second circle is the Circle of Lust, where the lustful are punished by being blown about by a violent wind. The third circle is the Circle of Gluttony, where the gluttonous are forced to eat filth.

As Dante and Virgil descend through the circles of Hell, the punishments become increasingly severe. In the fourth circle, the greedy and avaricious are forced to push heavy weights. In the fifth circle, the wrathful and sullen are immersed in the river Styx.

The sixth circle of Hell is the City of Dis, where the heretics are punished by being burned in fiery tombs. The seventh circle is the Circle of Violence,

where the violent are punished in various ways, depending on their crimes.

The eighth circle of Hell is the Malebolge, where the fraudulent are punished in ten different ditches. The ninth and final circle of Hell is the Frozen Lake, where the traitors are imprisoned in ice.

## **The Journey Through Purgatory**

After completing his journey through Hell, Dante and Virgil ascend to the mountain of Purgatory. Purgatory is a place where souls are cleansed of their sins before they can enter Paradise.

The mountain of Purgatory is divided into seven terraces. Each terrace represents a different type of sin, and the souls on each terrace must undergo a specific penance in order to be cleansed of their sins.

The first terrace is the Terrace of Pride, where the proud are forced to carry heavy stones on their backs. The second terrace is the Terrace of Envy, where the envious are forced to sew their eyelids shut.

The third terrace is the Terrace of Wrath, where the wrathful are forced to walk through a thick cloud of smoke. The fourth terrace is the Terrace of Sloth, where the slothful are forced to run around the terrace.

The fifth terrace is the Terrace of Avarice, where the avaricious are forced to lie face down on the ground. The sixth terrace is the Terrace of Gluttony, where the gluttonous are forced to eat only bread and water.

The seventh and final terrace of Purgatory is the Terrace of Lust, where the lustful are forced to walk through a wall of fire.

## **The Journey Through Paradise**

After completing his journey through Purgatory, Dante and Virgil ascend to Paradise. Paradise is a place of perfect happiness and joy, where the souls of the saints reside.

The Paradise is divided into nine spheres. Each sphere represents a different virtue, and the souls in each sphere are rewarded for their virtuous lives.

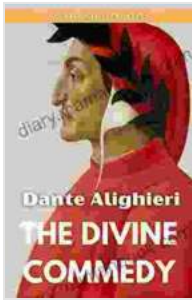
The first sphere is the Sphere of the Moon, where the souls of those who have lived a life of faith reside. The second sphere is the Sphere of Mercury, where the souls of those who have lived a life of hope reside.

The third sphere is the Sphere of Venus, where the souls of those who have lived a life of love reside. The fourth sphere is the Sphere of the Sun, where the souls of those who have lived a life of wisdom reside.

The fifth sphere is the Sphere of Mars, where the souls of those who have lived a life of fortitude reside. The sixth sphere is the Sphere of Jupiter, where the souls of those who have lived a life of justice reside.

The seventh sphere is the Sphere of Saturn, where the souls of those who have lived a life of contemplation reside. The eighth sphere is the Sphere of the Fixed Stars, where the souls of those who have lived a life of perfect virtue reside.

The ninth and final sphere of Paradise is the Empyrean, where the souls of those who have lived a life of perfect love reside. Here, Dante has a vision of God, and he is



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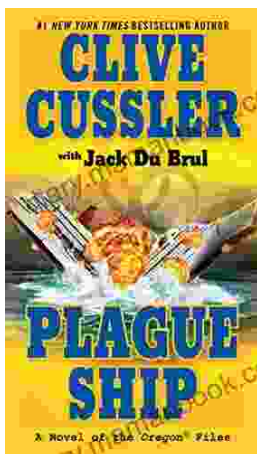
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