1. Record Nr. UNINA9910456238803321 Autore Porphyry <ca. 234-ca. 305.> Titolo Porphyry's Homeric questions on the Iliad [[electronic resource]]: text, translation, commentary / / by John A. MacPhail Jr New York, : De Gruyter, 2010 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-282-93401-5 9786612934018 3-11-021680-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (316 p.) Collana Texte und kommentare. Eine altertumswissenschaftliche reihe ; ; Bd. 36 MacPhailJohn A. <1970-> Altri autori (Persone) Disciplina 883/.01 Soggetti Greek poetry - History and criticism Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Table of Contents -- Introduction -- Abbreviations and Sigla -- Text and Translation -- Epitomai -- Backmatter Sommario/riassunto The Homeric Questions of the Neoplatonic philosopher Porphyry (3rd cent. CE) is an important work in the history of Homeric criticism. In contrast to the philosopher's allegorical readings of Homer in De Antro and De Styge, in the Homeric Questions Porphyry solves problemata by applying the dictum that "the poet explains himself". Based on a new collation of the manuscripts, this edition of Porphyry's Homeric Questions on the Iliad is the first since 1880. The preface contains sections on Porphyry's life and works, the manuscript tradition of the text, scholarship on the Homeric Questions, and the principles of this edition. The editor has eliminated much that had been wrongly attributed to Porphyry on stylistic grounds and has constructed text according to a strict distinction between extracts of the Homeric Questions, epitomes of the extracts, and Porphyrian scholia - all confusingly interspersed in the old text. A facing English translation at

last makes this text accessible to the Greek-less reader. The

that "the poet explains himself", by differentiating it from that of

commentary explains Porphyry's arguments and the editor's textual decisions. The editor sheds new light on Porphyry's use of the dictum