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This volume of collected essays explores the premise that Plutarch's work, notwithstanding its amazing thematic multifariousness, constantly pivots on certain ideological pillars which secure its unity and coherence. So, unlike other similar books which, more or less, concentrate on either the *Lives* or the *Moralia* or on some particular aspect(s) of Plutarch's *œuvre*, the articles of the present volume observe Plutarch at work in both *Lives* and *Moralia*, thus bringing forward and illustrating the inner unity of his varied literary production. The subject-matter of the volume is uncommonly wide-ranging and the studies collected here inquire into many important issues of Plutarchean scholarship: the conditions under which Plutarch's writings were separated into two distinct corpora, his methods of work and the various authorial techniques employed, the interplay between *Lives* and *Moralia*, Plutarch and politics, Plutarch and philosophy, literary aspects of Plutarch's *œuvre*, Plutarch on women, Plutarch in his epistemological and socio-historical context. In sum, this book brings Plutarchean

scholarship to date by revisiting and discussing older and recent problematization concerning Plutarch, in an attempt to further illuminate his personality and work.
