

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

This bibliography lists some works that might be useful to readers who wish to pursue the topics discussed here further. It is far from being comprehensive. I have focused mainly on fairly recent work, and on work in English. The essays reprinted in this anthology are not listed here, nor have I listed all the sources they cite.

### *Abbreviations*

- CCP* R. Kraut (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Plato* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1992).
- EA* E. N. Lee, A. D. P. Mourelatos, and R. M. Rorty (eds.), *Exegesis and Argument: Studies in Greek Philosophy Presented to Gregory Vlastos* (Assen: Van Gorcum, 1973).
- EPS* H. H. Benson (ed.), *Essays on the Philosophy of Socrates* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1992).
- FA* C. Gill and M. M. McCabe (eds.), *Form and Argument in Late Plato* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996).
- LL* M. Nussbaum and M. Schofield (eds.), *Language and Logos: Studies in Ancient Greek Philosophy Presented to G. E. L. Owen* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982).
- LSD* G. E. L. Owen, *Logic, Science and Dialectic: Collected Papers in Greek Philosophy*, ed. M. Nussbaum (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1986).
- MAP* J. Gentzler (ed.), *Method in Ancient Philosophy* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1998).
- Plato i* G. Vlastos (ed.), *Plato, i: Metaphysics and Epistemology* (Garden City, NY: Doubleday Anchor, 1971).
- PS* G. Vlastos, *Platonic Studies*, 2nd edn. (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1981).
- SPM* R. E. Allen (ed.), *Studies in Plato's Metaphysics* (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1965).

### *Texts and Translations*

The Greek text of Plato is collected in five volumes published by Oxford University Press (Oxford Classical Texts—OCT), edited by J. Burnet (1900–7). These are gradually being replaced with new editions, the first volume of which has appeared, edited by E. A. Duke, W. F. Hicken, W. S. M. Nicoll, D. B. Robinson, and J. C. G. Strachan (1995). The Greek texts, with facing English translations, are available in the Loeb library; the translations are of varying quality. The Budé texts are also worth consulting; they contain a Greek text with facing French translations, and short notes. The Clarendon Plato series provides generally accurate translations along with detailed notes. The books in this series include:

*Gorgias*, ed. T. H. Irwin (1979).

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