“The Republic is Plato's best-known work, and there are ways in which it is too famous for its own good. It gives us systematic answers to a whole range of questions about morality, politics, knowledge, and metaphysics, and the book is written in a way designed to sweep the reader along and give a general grasp of the way Plato sees all these questions as hanging together. So our reaction to it, at least on first reading, is likely to be oversimplified; we may feel inclined to accept or reject it as a whole, rather than coming to grips with particular arguments. – Excerpt from An Introduction to Plato's Republic by Julia Annas. Read The Republic: Public Domain E-book: The Republic – Project Gutenberg. Modern translation: The Republic by C. D. C. Reeve.