



eduard fraenkel (1888–1970) was a german classical scholar who served as corpus christi professor of latin at the university of oxford from 1935 until 1953. born to a family of assimilated jews in the german empire, he studied classics at the universities of berlin and göttingen. he established his academic reputation in 1922 with the publication of a monograph on plautus, a roman comedian. in 1934, antisemitic legislation introduced by the nazi party forced him to seek refuge in england. he published a three-volume commentary in 1950 on agamemnon by the greek playwright aeschylus (pictured), and a monograph in 1957 on the roman poet horace. biographers place particular emphasis on the impact of his teaching at oxford, where he led a weekly classical seminar that influenced the intellectual development of many undergraduates. the hellenist hugh lloyd-jones described fraenkel as "one of the most learned classical scholars of his time"

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