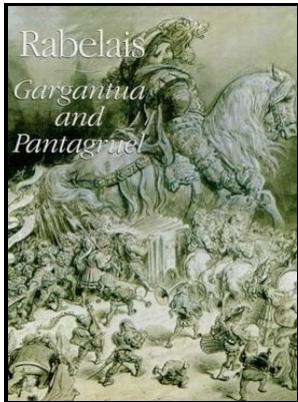


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Gargantua and Pantagruel (豆瓣)

You do not then believe what Herodotus wrote of two children, who, at the special command and appointment of Psammeticus, King of Egypt, having been kept in a petty country cottage, where they were nourished and entertained in a perpetual silence, did at last, after a certain long space of time, pronounce this word Bec, which in the Phrygian language signifieth bread.

Gargantua and pantagruel Example

Do you jog hither, wagging your tails, to pant at my wine, and be piss my barrel? Rabelais' chaotically inventive style, filled with puns, wordplays, and neologisms, as well as with neologisms of his own creation, makes him one of the most difficult of all writers to translate accurately.

Gargantua and Pantagruel (1955 edition)

And here be pleased to condemn yourself, by a renouncing of those errors which you have committed very grossly and somewhat perversely in expounding the prophetic sayings of the holy sibyl. Truly, I do not know, answered Pantagruel; I never read it.

Gargantua and Pantagruel (豆瓣)

Do but tell me whether you will be confessed and fast only three short little days of God? In sequel whereof she pulled off one of her wooden pattens, put her apron over her head, as a priest uses to do his amice when he is going to sing mass, and with a kind of antique, gaudy, party-coloured string knit it under her neck.

Rabelais: Gargantua and Pantagruel, Book III.

The church finally enters the story with Gargantua trying to repay a monk who helped him and his father in the war against the Picrochole. Screech's new translation is wondrously filled with fulfilling footnotes. Each parcel of the body draws it then unto itself, and after its own fashion is cherished and almented by it.

Gargantua and Pantagruel (豆瓣)

For, perceiving no account to be made of me towards the discharge of a trust of any great concernment, and considering that through all the parts of this most noble kingdom of France, both on this and on the other side of the mountains, everyone is most diligently exercised and busied, some in the fortifying of their own native country for its defence, others in the repulsing of their enemies by an offensive war; and all this with a policy so excellent and such admirable order, so manifestly profitable for the future, whereby France shall have its frontiers most magnifically enlarged, and the French assured of a long and well-grounded peace, that very little withholdeth me from the opinion of good Heraclitus, which affirmeth war to be the father of all good things; and therefore do I believe that war is in Latin called bellum, not by antiphrasis, as some patchers of old rusty Latin would have us to think, because in war there is little beauty to be seen, but absolutely and simply; for that in war appeareth all that is good and graceful, and that by the wars is purged out all manner of wickedness and deformity. Since at the sight of a ram, mad elephants recover their former senses.

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