

Chapter 1 : Jo Walton -- Science Fiction and Fantasy Author

The Philosopher Kings is the second book in Jo Walton's Thessaly trilogy and takes place 20 years after The Just City. The experiment of setting up a city based on Plato's Republic continues, except with a few new twists.

Also in this series: The Just City Thanks to Tor Books for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. From acclaimed, award-winning author Jo Walton: *Philosopher Kings*, a tale of gods and humans, and the surprising things they have to learn from one another. Twenty years have elapsed since the events of *The Just City*. The god Apollo, living by his own choice a human life as "Pythias" in the City, his true identity known only to a few, is now married and the father of several children. But a tragic loss causes him to become consumed with the desire for revenge. *The Philosopher Kings* starts in a dramatic way. Since the last book, 20 years have passed and the people have divided and formed multiple cities, each pursuing its own version or idea of excellence. Some with stricter interpretations of Plato, some with more lenient. But, the division leaves the new cities without the art they are so used to. Humans being humans, they find something to fight about, in this case, possession of art. This is a very philosophical book as one might expect. The book examines forgiveness versus vengeance, slavery, posterity, grief. It is a story that really highlights how you react is just as important as events that have happened. We see Pytheas continue to struggle with learning how to be human. And actually really coming to terms with the difference between mortal life, and his own immortality. He experiences things in ways he never could have in his immortal form and he feels the real limits that he currently has by giving up his powers. In *The Just City*, Pytheas was never challenged to be remain mortal without his powers as he is in this book. We know from the first book that there are many human qualities that he struggles with, and we see him face hardships in this book that almost seem to be too much. We are introduced to a new character in this book, the daughter of Simmea and Pytheas. She is very bright and philosophical and just about to become an adult. We see her mature and experience many life altering events. Her and her brothers are also faced with the option of trying to pursue becoming gods. As the children of Apollo, there is that possibility and we see the advantages and disadvantages of a mortal versus immortal life. I have to admit, I found the first half of this book a bit slower in pace. I felt like there was a good bit of revisiting events from *The Just City*, maybe a tiny bit more than I would have liked. Perhaps if I had read the books further apart I would not have had that reaction. Seriously, I really, really could not put this book down. Any slowness I felt in the beginning was made up for by the gripping second half.

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The Philosopher Kings is the sequel to The Just calendrierdelascience.com that first! It was published by Tor in hardcover and e-book on June 30th , and is from Corsair in the UK as an e-book in July , and as a trade paperback in January

Chapter 3 : Jo Walton - Wikipedia

The Philosopher Kings is a fantasy/science fiction novel by the Welsh-Canadian author Jo Walton, published by Tor Books in June It is the second book of the Thessaly trilogy, sequel to The Just City, which was published a mere six months previously, and followed by Necessity, which was published in

Chapter 4 : Mini-review: The Philosopher Kings by Jo Walton | Far Beyond Reality

Jo Walton's The Philosopher Kings is a direct sequel to her earlier book, The Just City, which concerns the time-traveling goddess Athena's attempt to set up the city of Plato's Republic in the distant past, all with some help from Socrates and robots!

Chapter 5 : Fiction Book Review: The Philosopher Kings by Jo Walton. Tor, \$ (p) ISBN

Jo Walton's The Just City came out only this January. A very odd, very engaging novel involving time-travelling philosophers from across millennia who are brought together by the goddess Athena.

Chapter 6 : The Philosopher Kings (Audiobook) by Jo Walton | calendrierdelascience.com

From acclaimed, award-winning author Jo Walton comes The Philosopher Kings, a tale of gods and humans, and the surprising things they have to learn from one another.

Chapter 7 : NPR Choice page

From acclaimed, award-winning author Jo Walton: Philosopher Kings, a tale of gods and humans, and the surprising things they have to learn from one another. calendrierdelascience.com years have elapsed since the events of The Just City.

Chapter 8 : The Philosopher Kings by Jo Walton – Here There Be Books

Walton continues her tale of the goddess Athene's experiment to establish a city based on the principles of Plato's Republic, inhabited by stray scholars and former child-slaves harvested from various time periods.

Chapter 9 : Fairy Tales, Folk Tales, Legends & Mythology – Tenacious Reader

• Jo Walton, *The Philosopher Kings*. 4 likes. Like "One thing I have learned about grief," I said to her, "is that nothing anyone says to you is useful, but it."