PELOPONNESIAN PROTAGONISTS:

Destiny and Freedom; Honor and Power; Love and Sacrifice: The Trojan War from perspectives 25 centuries apart

Tampa Bay Great Books Council announces a unique pairing of ancient and contemporary treatments of characters and events, concentrating on one of the last creations of a giant of Greek drama (Euripides) and the first novel by a classicist and rising superstar (Madeline Miller).

DATE: Friday, October 15, 2021     Morning session: 10:00 AM.     Afternoon session: 1:00 PM

Discussions will be conducted via ZOOM, with a link to be e-mailed to you after your registration payment is received and before the conference.

If your last reading of Homer’s “Iliad” was years ago, you may barely remember the character Patroclus, friend and confidante of Achilles. You’ll think differently after our discussions of Madeline Miller’s first novel, “The Song of Achilles” — the story of two young men, trained from childhood for war and glory, and their inevitable fate at the walls of Troy. TBGBC Moderator Emeritus Patrick DeMarco leads the morning discussion via ZOOM. (Paperback available for under $11 on Amazon.com. ISBN: 978-0062060624.)

Following the morning session, there will be a break for lunch. The afternoon discussion begins on Zoom at 1:00 PM.

Two millennia have passed since Euripides earned a spot beside Sophocles and Aeschylus as one of the three greatest Greek playwrights. “Iphigeneia at Aulis” is one of his last plays, focusing on the single event that ignited the Trojan War. Amid capricious gods and prideful humans, a powerfully-modern story unfolds with tales of honor, sacrifice, and the true costs of war. Linda Feeney, OLLI/GB Moderator, leads the afternoon discussion via ZOOM. (Specific text required: Translator: W.S. Merwin, Oxford University Press. ISBN: 978-0195077094. Around $10 on Amazon.)

Tampa Bay Great Books Council—October 15, 2021 Conference Registration

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Attach this form to your $20 registration check made payable to “Tampa Bay Great Books Council.”

Mail the completed form with your check to: Mark Simo, 6604 Markstown Dr., Apt. B, Tampa, FL 33617

Zoom credentials will be e-mailed to you after payment is received and prior to the event. You are responsible for purchasing the correct versions of the two books for discussion.