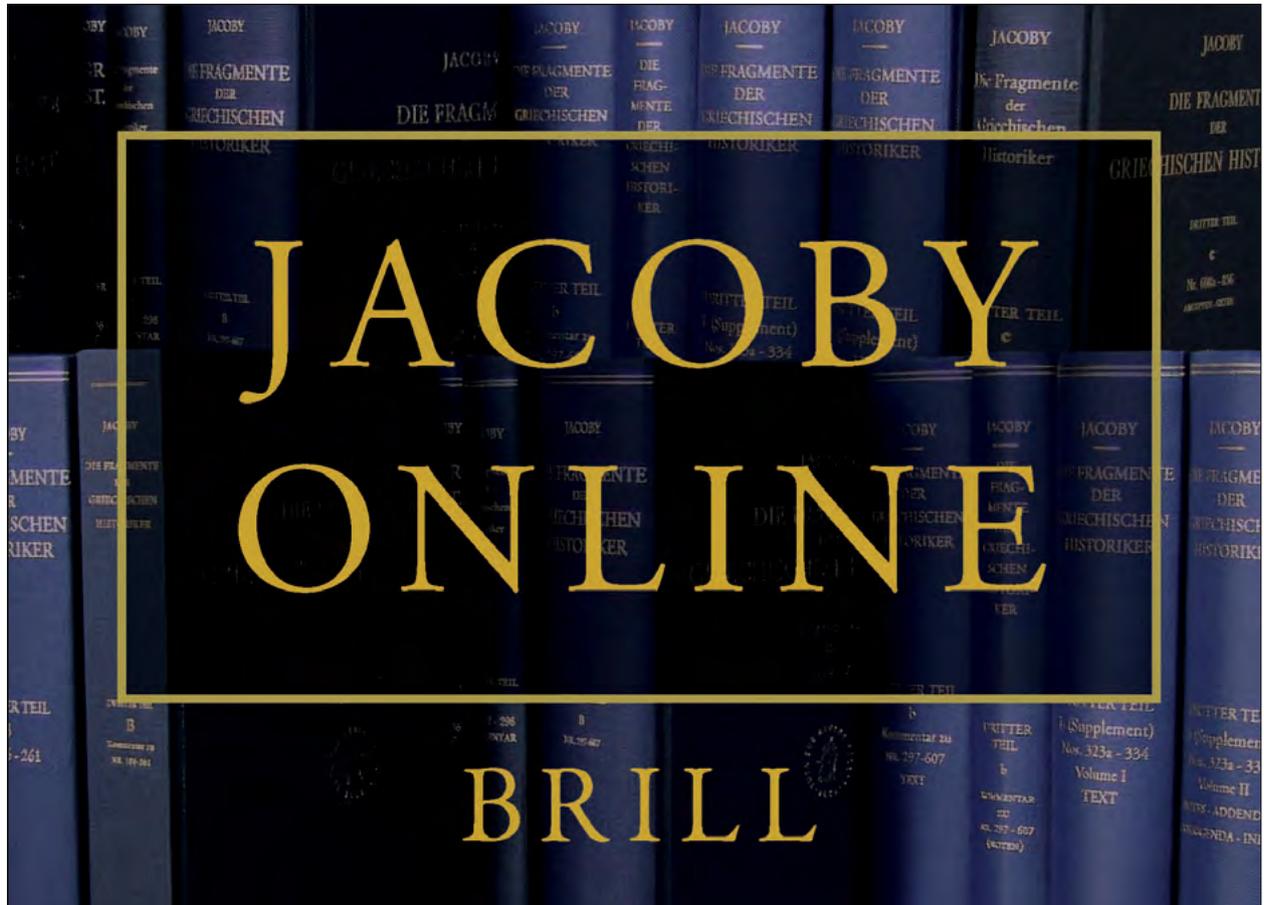


Jacoby Online

User Guide



“Jacoby Online is an incredible resource, invaluable not only for ancient historians, but also for researchers working in all areas of antiquity. It is a testament to Jacoby’s enduring brilliance that his magnum opus continues to inspire so much good work in so many scholars across the world.”

- Matt Simonton, Society for Classical Studies, December 2017

Brill's *Jacoby Online* is one of the most authoritative resources for the study of ancient Greek historians whose work is preserved incompletely, i.e. in fragments. It is an indispensable tool for scholars in classical studies, philologists and ancient historians.

Jacoby Online consists of five sections, all related to the original *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker* (FGrH I-III) by Felix Jacoby (1876–1959). By the time of his death, Jacoby had covered 856 historians in fifteen print volumes and three different areas: (I) genealogy and mythography, (II) history, and (III) local history and ethnography. The original work is included in *Jacoby Online* as *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part I-III*.

Work resumed in the 1990's on two remaining areas that were scheduled but never finished by Jacoby: (IV) biography and antiquarian literature and (V) historical geography. These remaining areas are a work in progress and are published by Brill as separate sections: *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker IV* (currently about 20% published) and *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker V* (expected to be complete in 2019). Both sections are published in print as well.

A new online edition of the original *Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker* (I-III) was announced in 2005, with updated Greek texts, facing English translations, biographical essays, as well as new commentaries on the last 248 historians not included by Jacoby in FGrH I-III. This section is published as *Brill's New Jacoby* (BNJ, expected to be complete in 2019). Finally, there is also a *Brill's New Jacoby Second Edition* (BNJ2), started in 2016 and scheduled to be complete in 2026. BNJ2 contains an apparatus criticus, a discussion of the provenance of each fragment where relevant, further revised commentaries and updated bibliographies.

Brill's *Jacoby Online* thus consists of the following five sections:

- Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part I-III
- Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part IV
- Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part V
- Brill's New Jacoby
- Brill's New Jacoby Second Edition

Jacoby Online Help

This help file explains to the user of Brill's *Jacoby Online* the various methods of navigating and searching the work, as well as the specific structure of the entries and the metadata.

Navigating *Brill's Jacoby Online*

The homepage of *Jacoby Online* contains links to the five sections mentioned above.

Jacoby Online	
	Brill's New Jacoby 
	Brill's New Jacoby, Second Edition 
	Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part I-III 
	Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part IV 
	Die Fragmente der Griechischen Historiker Part V 

It also contains a search bar at the top of the page to search within the entire *Jacoby Online*. Here you can search for a Jacoby name, number or specific term:



Clicking on one of the links in the overview (for example: *Brill's New Jacoby*) will take you to the homepage of that specific section of *Jacoby Online*. At the top of each part's homepage, there is another search bar where you can search for a Jacoby name or number or specific term. It performs a full text search for any sequence in Latin or (unaccented) Greek script.

Below the introductory text is a menu with four tabs:



Here is what they contain:

Historians	An alphabetical overview of all entries in this Jacoby section
Prelims	Notes for the reader, a list of subjects covered and the <i>Jacoby Online</i> Help instructions
Historians by number	Overview of all historians by <i>Jacoby</i> number
Historians by publication year	Overview of historians covered by <i>Jacoby Online</i> in order of publication year

In Brill's *New Jacoby*, if we look at the entry for Myrsilos of Methymna (477), we are taken to the entry text:

The screenshot shows the BrillOnline Reference Works interface. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Reference Works, Texts and Commentaries, All Titles (A to Z), and Subjects. The breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Classical Studies > Jacoby Online > Brill's New Jacoby > Myrsilos of Methymna (477). A search bar is present with a dropdown menu set to 'Brill's New Jacoby' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, the entry title 'Myrsilos of Methymna (477)' is displayed, followed by the author and publication date: 'This entry was prepared by Anthony Kaldellis and published on 1 April 2018.' To the right of the entry text is an 'Article Table Of Contents' listing several sources and fragments: T 1: Stephanus Byzantius, Ethnika s.v. Μηθύμνα; T 2: Pliny, Natural History 4-5; F 1 a: Scholia on Apollonius Rhodius, Argonautica 1.609-610; F 1 b: Antigonos of Carystus, Collection of Paradoxical Stories 118; F 1 c: Photios, Lexikon, Suda; F 2: Antigonos of Karystos.

Author and publication date are mentioned right below the entry name and number. To the right, there is a **Table of Contents** where the different fragments are listed with their sources.

When the text fragment contains a mention of a name (and/or work) or a biographical item, it is called a Testimonium. These testimonies are numbered T1 etcetera. When the text fragment contains an actual citation or a summary, it is called a Fragment, numbered F1 etcetera. In the Table of Contents, the testimonies are listed first, then the fragments.

Metadata

Under the Article **Table of Contents**, on the left, are the metadata belonging to the historian.

Historian:	Myrsilos of Methymna
Jacoby number:	477
Attested works:	Lesbiaka: F1a; F2; F3; F18; Historica Paradoxa Historical Oddities): F4; F5
Historian's date:	3rd century BC
Historical focus:	III. History of Cities and Peoples (Horography and Ethnography) B. Authors on Single Cities and Regions XLV. Lesbos
Place of origin:	Methymna
BNJ 477 T 1	
Source:	Stephanus Byzantius, <i>Ethnika</i>, s.v. Μήθυμνα (Meineke 449-50)
Work mentioned:	n.a.
Source date:	6th century AD
Source language:	Greek
Source genre:	Geography, Ancient - Library of Congress Biography--To 500 - Library of Congress Ethnology - Library of Congress
Fragment subject:	Geography, Ancient - Library of Congress Biography--To 500 - Library of Congress Ethnology - Library of Congress
Textual base:	Jacoby

Here is what the metadata fields contain:

Historian:	Contains the name of the author (or the anonymous text) who is the subject of the entry
Number:	The Jacoby number
Attested works:	Contains a list of lost works attributed to the entry author in our various sources, with a link to the particular fragments where the titles are named.
Historian's date:	Date of the author (or text)
Historical focus:	Contains the Jacoby volume (I-V), section (A-F) and number to which this entry belongs (in this case volume III, section B).
Place of origin:	Origin of the author or text (in this case Methymna).

Below this general metadata section, the testimonies and fragments themselves start. Every testimony and fragment has a (red) header containing the entry volume and number, the type of fragment (T or F) and the fragment number, in this case **BNJ 477 T 1**. Headers for entries in Jacoby part IV and V start with **FGrHist**.

Every fragment has its own set of metadata fields:

Source of the fragment:	Author, title and place (in this case a lemma in the Suda encyclopedia), sometimes with additional information, e.g. on the edition used (Adler, in this case)
Work mentioned:	Titles of any lost work(s) by the entry author mentioned in this fragment (these same titles are also listed together under Attested works in the section About this Historian)
Source date:	Date of the fragment
Language:	Language of the fragment
Subject:	Subject description based on one or more Library of Congress Subject Headings
Textual base:	Information about the text edition on which the printed text is based. Often the author of the entry will have adjusted the text, in which case his or her name will be listed. In this case it says Jacoby because this text was taken from the first FGrHist edition by Felix Jacoby himself

Original text and translation

Stephanus Byzantius, <i>Ethnika</i> s.v. Μήθυμνα	
Μήθυμνα· πόλις ἐν Λέσβῳ ... ὁ πολίτης	Methymna . A city in Lesbos . . . its citizen is
Μηθυμναῖος· οὕτως γὰρ ἀναγράφεται Ἐχεκρατίδης	called a Methymnian, and so this is how
περιπατητικός, Ἀριστοτέλους συνήθης, καὶ	Echekratides the Peripatetic is described, the
Μυρσίλος συγγραφεὺς καὶ Ἀρίων καὶ ἄλλοι πολλοὶ	companion of Aristotle , as well as the author
Μηθυμναῖοι.	Myrsilos , and Arion , and many other
	Methymnians .

Below the metadata, in two columns, are the original text and translation of the fragment, followed by a section with Commentary. Sometimes the commentary will be collected below all the fragments. All words in **blue** are indexed names of persons, works, geographical places, and subjects. Clicking on these starts a search for the particular term in the *Jacoby* volume.

Biographical Essay and Bibliography

At the bottom of the entry is a **Biographical Essay** about the entry author (sometimes this will be at the beginning, depending on the author, in which case it is called Introduction).

Below that is a select **Bibliography** (sometimes preceded by a list of text editions for the different authors quoted) and the list of footnotes. Right at the bottom of the page, under the author name, is the name and the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) for this *Jacoby* entry, to be used in citations.

Abbreviations

Jacoby Online uses abbreviations for text editions, reference works, journals, etc. These are standard and can be found, for instance, in the abbreviations list of *Brill's New Pauly*.

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