Religion in the Ancient Greek City
Louise Bruit Zaidman & Pauline Schmitt Pantel
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Abstract
This book is a translation into English of La religion grecque by Louise Bruit Zaidman and Pauline Schmitt Pantel, described by Dr Simon Price as 'an excellent book, by far the best introduction to the subject in any language'. It is the purpose of the book to consider how religious beliefs and cultic rituals were given expression in the world of the Greek citizen - the functions performed by the religious personnel, and the place that religion occupied in individual, social and political life. The chapters cover first ritual and then myth, rooting the account in the practices of the classical city while also taking seriously the world of the imagination. For this edition the bibliography has been substantially revised to meet the needs of a mainly student, English-speaking readership. The book is enriched throughout by illustrations, and by quotations from original sources.

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Athena, datter av Zeus, gudinne av skjønnhet, etter legenden ble født fra hovudet til Zeus. Zeus sat og tank, og plutselig ble hans hovud sjo ved, snart begynte det å komme ut av hans hovud, det var Athena, ikke bare sjuddig, men også militær, ble født snart etter en hjelm og en speier.