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Ilsetraut Hadot

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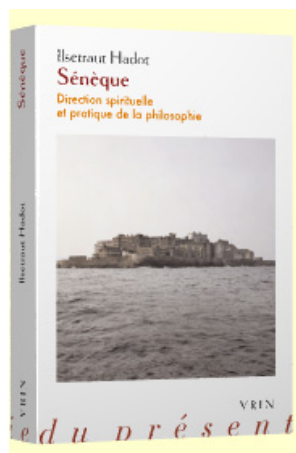
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Every classicist in Germany knows Ilsetraut Hadot's seminal dissertation *Seneca und die Tradition der griechisch-römischen Seelenleitung*, completed 1965 at the Freie Universität Berlin and published in 1969. After moving to France, Ilsetraut Hadot turned in other directions and wrote extensively on the history of the Liberal Arts and Neoplatonism. It was her husband Pierre Hadot who took up the thread with his research on ancient philosophy as a way of life,



most notably in a monograph *Exercices spirituels et philosophie antique* of 1981, whose influence on Michel Foucault's readings of ancient philosophy and Seneca is well known.

After several invitations to publish a French translation, Ilsetraut Hadot has at last found the time to make her original research available to a wider public in a completely revised and updated version. It is with great pleasure that we invite you to celebrate the release of this rigorous philological study, which now no less than fifty years ago is essential reading for everyone interested in Seneca and philosophy as a spiritual practice.

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