The book, De consolatione philosophiae (The Consolation of Philosophy), was written while he, indicted for treachery and imprisoned by Theodoric, king of the Ostrogoths, awaited his own execution. It is true that the book is said to be, aside from the Bible, one of the most translated, most commented upon, etc. Read More. Inspire your inboxâ€”Sign up for daily fun facts about this day in history, updates, and special offers. Enter your email. Subscribe. By signing up for this email, you are agreeing to news, offers, and information from Encyclopaedia Britannica. Click here to view our Privacy Notice. The Consolation of Philosophy study guide contains a biography of Ancius Boethius, literature essays, a complete e-text, quiz questions, major themes, characters, and a full summary and analysis. He had formerly been a high official for the emperor Theodoric, and his fall from the heights of Roman patrician power to imprisonment was almost as great as any fall for a man of his time could be. For a man of his culture and refinement, the irony of losing everything because of his own virtue, and in an arena, (politics) which he didn't enter willingly but rather chose out of duty, must have been acute. Boethius says in Book I that he mourns the fact that he is no longer in his library, with its ivory decorations, reading his beloved books. The Consolation of Philosophy (Latin: De consolatione philosophiae) is a philosophical work by the Roman statesman Boethius, written around the year 524. It has been described as the single most important and influential work in the West on Medieval and early Renaissance Christianity, as well as the last great Western work of the Classical Period. [1][2] 2.1 Reconstruction of the Lost Songs from The Consolation of Philosophy. 3 See also. 4 References. Find many great new & used options and get the best deals for Selections From The De Consolatione Philosophiae of Boethius With Brief Introdu at the best online prices at eBay! Free delivery for many products! Selections from the Works of the Baron de Humbo, Humboldt, Von., Condition: New. £31.78. 30-day returns. Long-time member. Buy it now.