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# LUCRETIUS 6

## *a Workshop*

A text dominated by storms, earthquakes, floods, eruptions and pestilence, the last book of Lucretius' *De rerum natura* dares readers to interpret the most terrifying natural phenomena through the lens of Epicurean doctrine. This is the ultimate test for the poem's ambition to unshackle its followers from ignorance, and provide an open-ended understanding of the universe which would put them on a par with gods. For modern scholarship, too, this taut and complex book poses challenging questions about narrative structure, completeness, agency and sublimity.

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