

Ethics of the Sages – Pirke Avot Annotated and Explained  
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Pirke Avot, the Ethics of the Sages, is one of the most loved collections of early rabbinic wisdom in classical Jewish literature. In this original translation of the classic, Rabbi Rami Shapiro brings the approach that he has followed so successfully with other similar publications such as Hasidic Tales and the Hebrew Prophets.

Each statement in Avot is annotated, succinctly and clearly, by the author, and his translations do much to bring the text to life. The introduction is excellent, and a valuable source of material for students and teachers alike, and his mini-biographies of the rabbinic contributors to Pirke Avot an added bonus.

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