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Introduction

This survey on ‘Valerius Flaccus 1980–2013’ takes its starting point from the earlier ones by W.-W. E h l e r s (3) and by M. S c a f f a i (4), which covered 1940–1971 and 1938–1982 respectively and in turn continued the preceding one by R. H e l m for 1925–1942 (1). As with the earlier reports, there is some overlap at the beginning of the period to ensure full coverage (including mention of older works that are still important and / or were not listed previously).

1980 saw the appearance of W.-W. E h l e r s’ Teubner edition (9), which was the first to be based on a new examination of the manuscripts (see E h l e r s , 2), revising the assumption of their relative importance. This year therefore marks the start of a new era of research on Valerius Flaccus (VF) as it were. Indeed, after almost 100 years, new commentaries on the *Argonautica* started to appear from the late 1980s, followed by further editions and translations throughout the period under review.

Furthermore, the last three decades differ from the preceding period by a shift in focus: while there had been a lot of textual work on VF in the late 19th century, his epic, like other post-Virgilian poetry, was largely disregarded during the first half of the 20th century. From the 1960s onwards discussions of individual scenes began to be published, in addition to further critical observations on the text. It was only after 1980 that the rehabilitation of Flavian epic started and new approaches, questions and methods, such as intertextuality or the relationship of literature to its time, were being taken into account. This has transformed the nature of the research questions asked and led to a reassessment of post-Virgilian poetry, while textual and philological work continues.

This shift in perception was particularly relevant for VF, who had not only suffered from the general low appreciation of ‘Silver Latin’ poetry, but also from the verdict of F. M e h m e l (F. M e h m e l , Valerius Flaccus, Ph.D. diss. Hamburg 1934), who, in a study including many useful observations, famously claimed that VF’s *Argonautica* did not make sense, did not have any purpose and no obvious unity. This view was spread more widely when it was adopted by A. K u r f e s s for the article on VF in Pau- ly-Wissowa’s *Real-Enzyklopädie* (A. K u r f e s s , Valerius [170], RE VIII A 1 [1955] 9–15). Nowadays there is rather more emphasis on studying the existing epic as a piece of literature and assessing it on the basis of new literary theories.

There are several ‘hot topics’, such as the evaluation of characters, the role of the gods or the purpose of the work, on which various views have been put forward; these tend to be acknowledged by scholars, but there is not always a direct discussion between proponents of different interpretations. With respect to text and transmission there is more dialogue between scholars in that findings on particular manuscripts are used as a basis for later contributions, or suggestions for emendations are discussed, disputed and supplemented in reviews of new editions or in articles on the text. Textual discussions tend to focus on individual lines rather than on the bigger picture. Since the status of the text is problematic, consensus on individual readings has not yet been reached in all cases.

As regards the poet, it is still the case that hardly anything is known about his precise name, dates, biography or the exact date and method of composition for his epic; therefore certainty cannot be achieved (for a recent overview of those issues see the introduction to *Zissos*, 37). There have not been any recent contributions on the poet's name, dates or biography, an area where it is difficult to establish definite answers. While questions such as the date of composition continue to be discussed with respect to particular passages (esp. the proem), in this field too scholarship has moved beyond the aim to establish factual details.

In the period under review research on VF has mainly been carried out in France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Northern America and recently in Spain, with a strong philological tradition in the Netherlands and also in Italy and the adoption of new theoretical approaches more pronounced in Anglo-American scholarship.

This survey aims to give an overview of all relevant items that were published between 1980 and 2013 and could be identified by means of printed and electronic bibliographies (with a few references to items that appeared before the starting date). Besides, it extends to some works that have appeared at the beginning of 2014 or are due to appear shortly, to provide as up to date a snapshot as possible. Information continued to be updated until June 2014 (with a few further minor additions at proof stage).

All contributions that are specifically dedicated to VF or devote considerable space to a discussion of his work within a broader context have been included. Pieces only referring briefly to a line or a passage in other contexts have not been listed, nor have works talking about the Flavian period more generally without specific reference to VF.

Where this survey comments on works also mentioned in the earlier surveys by E h l e r s (3) or S c a f f a i (4), the numbers and / or page numbers in those reports are given. – A preceding asterisk signals items that could not be obtained and checked. There would be more of those if I had not been able to benefit from generous bibliographical assistance offered by my father and my sister, to whom I am greatly indebted.

Titles are listed in chronological order in each subsection, apart from the section on 'Individual passages', where they are arranged sequentially, and the summative sections on models and reception, where items are arranged chronologically according to the dates of the reference authors.

Abbreviations for journals are based on the conventions in *L'année philologique*; abbreviations for names and works of ancient authors have been taken from *OCD⁴* (S. H o r n b l o w e r – A. S p a w f o r t h [eds.], The Oxford Classical Dictionary. Fourth Edition, Oxford 2012). Valerius Flaccus is abbreviated as VF and Apollonius Rhodius as AR.

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I. Bibliographies and literature surveys

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2. W.W. Ehlers, Untersuchungen zur handschriftlichen Überlieferung der Argonautica des C. Valerius Flaccus, München 1970 (Zetemata 52), 126–133 [full list of titles for 1904–1970 – Scaffai (4): no. 99].

Rev.: R.D. Sweeney, ACR 1, 1971, 205–206; E. Courtney, CR 22, 1972, 216–219; M. Piot, REA 75, 1973, 168; M. Scaffai, A&R 18, 1973, 214–219; R. Verdière, Gnomon 45, 1973, 619–620; D. Roger, RBPh 52, 1974, 653–655; P.L. Schmidt, Gymnasium 81, 1974, 261–263.

3. W.-W. Ehlers, Valerius Flaccus 1940 bis 1971, Lustrum 16, 1971–72, 105–142 [Scaffai (4): p. 2360].

4. M. Scaffai, Rassegna di studi su Valerio Flacco (1938–1982), in: ANRW II.32.4, Berlin / New York 1986, 2359–2447.

5. J. Delz, Zur Neubewertung der lateinischen Epik flavischer Zeit, in: G. Reggi (ed.), Aspetti della poesia epica latina. Atti del corso d'aggiornamento per docenti di latino e greco del Canton Ticino, Lugano 21–22–23 ottobre 1993, Lugano 1995 (Attualità e studi), 143–172 [pp. 153–158, 165–167 on VF; summary in Italian by G. Reggi on pp. 231–234].

Rev. (volume): P. Fedeli, Aufidus 30, 1996, 139; A. Traina, RFIC 124, 1996, 465–468; M. Laulettä, Latomus 56, 1997, 228–229; F. Gasti, Athenaeum 86, 1998, 337–338; M. Leigh, CR 48, 1998, 191–192.

6. T. Stover, Valerius Flaccus, Oxford Bibliographies Online, 2012 (<http://www.oxfordbibliographiesonline.com/>).

7. M. Cuypers, Valerius Flaccus, in: A Hellenistic Bibliography (<https://sites.google.com/site/hellenisticbibliography/latin-authors/valerius-flaccus>) [last updated July 2012].

Helm (1), Ehlers (3) and Scaffai (4) provide traditional literature surveys: they give lists of the works on VF that appeared in the periods under review, organized according to themes and presented with brief comments. Delz (5) has a different purpose: he does not give an overview of individual scholarly works, but rather discusses discursively how attitudes to Flavian epic have changed in the last decades of the 20th century. Stover (6) and Cuypers (7) have compiled online reference works: in line with the aims of the series, Stover's piece is intended to be an introduction to VF and the secondary literature on this poet, offering an annotated and the-

matically structured selection of important works. Cuypers presents a full alphabetical list of titles without annotation, with the most recent ones highlighted.

II. Editions, translations, commentaries

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Rev.: A.J. Klewerg, Mnemosyne 41, 1988, 202–206.

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Rev.: R.C. Lounsbury, CW 82, 1989, 396.

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Rev.: W.-W. Ehlers, Gymnasium 95, 1988, 285–287.

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with introductions, notes and glossary, London 1991; xxiii + 453pp. [pp. 270–296 on VF; includes book 7 in an English translation by F. Raphael and K. McLeish].

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Although VF was not among the most widely read authors for large parts of the 20th century, he is among the few poets who have received three different Teubner editions in less than 70 years (while there is no edition in the Oxford Classical Texts series). The edition by O. Kramer at the beginning of the century (O. Kramer [ed.], C. Valerii Flacci Setini Balbi Argonauticon libri octo, Leipzig 1913; *Editio stereotypa editionis primae* [MCMXIII], Stuttgart 1967) was followed by one by E. Courtney (8) in 1970 and another one by W.-W. Ehlers in 1980 (9).

Editors up to and including E. Courtney based the text primarily on manuscript *V* (*codex Vaticanus Latinus* 3277), regarded as the oldest (9th century) and most authoritative. In the same year in which Courtney's edition appeared Ehlers (2) showed that not all later manuscripts go back to *V* and the transmission is more complex. Ehlers established that a common ancestor (ω , called γ in Liberman's edition) first split into two branches (α and *L*), and α in turn split into two further branches (*V* and [*S*]), while *L* became the basis of a number of later manuscripts. This revised view became the basis of Ehlers' Teubner edition (9) and is now generally accepted.

Further re-examination of the manuscript tradition and the discovery of a manuscript's final page (8.46–105) led to a re-evaluation of the manuscript that the Belgian scholar Ludovicus Carrio (Louis Carrion, 1547–1595) claims to have used for his editions in 1565 and 1566. The only modern critical edition of the entire poem outside the Teubner series, the Budé edition by G. Liberman (24a; 24b), assigns great value to the testimony in Carrio's editions (C) and reports this evidence in detail. Liberman's edition comes with extensive notes, discussing numerous textual and linguistic problems, which Liberman often tries to solve by conjecture (see also Section V). Versions of the texts can also be found in many of the commentaries from the last decades as they include the text of the portion commented on; these versions are mostly based on available editions and articles on textual issues rather than on further study of the manuscripts. Since the commentaries often discuss readings adopted in earlier editions and explain their own choices, they contribute to ongoing work on textual difficulties from an editorial perspective.

For almost a hundred years the standard commentary on VF was the Latin commentary by P. Langen (P. Langen [ed.], C. Valeri Flacci Setini Balbi Argonauticon libri octo, enarravit, Berlin 1896/97 [Berliner Studien für classische Philologie und Archaeologie, Neue Folge, Bd. I, 1–4]; repr. Hildesheim 1964). Only since the late 1980s have commentaries in the modern vernaculars started to appear. F. Spaltenstein (31a; 31b; 31c) has produced an extensive French commentary on the entire poem: this offers a wealth of information, particularly on points of grammar and syntax as well as on factual details and parallel passages. In addition there are now (or will be shortly) commentaries on all individual books or parts of books; some of the more widely read books even have received several commentaries during the last two decades: book 1: Keywelt (34) [in English], Galli (36) [in Italian], Zissos (37) [in English]; book 2: Smith (13) [in English], Poorvliet (16) [in English]; book 3: Mawald (forthcoming in 2015) [in English]; book 4: Korn (14) (4.1–343) [in German], Campagnini (19) (4.99–198) [in Italian], Murgatroyd (39) [in English]; book 5: Wijsmans (21) [in English]; book 6: Fucecchi (22; 35) [in Italian], Wijsmans (28) [in English], Baier (29) [in German]; book 7: Taliercio (17) [in Italian], Stadler (18) [in German], Perutelli (23) [in Italian]; book 8: Lazzarini (42) (8.1–287) [in Italian], Pellucchi (43) [in Italian]. These commentaries vary in their focus, level of detail and comprehensiveness (e.g. emphasis on textual or linguistic issues, literary questions or intertextual relations), depending on the intended readership, national traditions or the conventions of the respective series. Hence the recent proliferation has not led to unnecessary duplication, but rather to a range of works complementing each other.

Besides Liberman's complete French version in the Budé edition (24a; 24b), some of the commentaries include a translation into a modern language of the section commented on. Liberman's was the first reliable and easily available translation of the entire epic in a widely read European language after the English version by J. H. Mozley in the Loeb series in 1934 (J. H. Mozley [ed. and tr.], Valerius Flaccus. With an English translation, Cambridge [MA] / London 1934 [The Loeb Classical Library]). The earlier German translation by Rupprecht (12) is unreliable in parts and not easy to get hold of. German readers now have Dräger's (32) accurate, though sometimes rather literal translation. In French there is Soubiran's (30) rhythmic version in addition to Liberman's translation. Besides, the poem has been translated into Italian by Caviglia (25), into Spanish by López Moreda (20) and by Río Torres-Murciano (41) and into Portuguese by Gouvêa Júnior (40); the first half of book 3 has appeared in Polish (by Śnieżewski, 33). In addition to Mozley, for English readers there is now the poetic and rather free version by Slavitt (26) as well as the more reliable and up-to-date translation by Barich (38). Some of the most popular parts of the epic have found their way into anthologies (Kibbel, 10; MacL. Currie, 11; Boyle – Sullivan, 15; López Moreda, 27).

III. Overviews

1. Edited volumes

44. M. Korn – H.J. Tschiedel (eds.), *Ratis omnia vincet*. Untersuchungen zu den Argonautica des Valerius Flaccus, Hildesheim / Zürich / New York 1991 (Spudasmata 48), 237pp. [includes 88; 118; 192; 193; 236; 238; 265; 281; 299; 320; 357; 361; 432; 434; 442; 477].

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45. U. Eigler – E. Lefèvre – (in Zusammenarbeit mit) G. Manuwald (eds.), *Ratis omnia vincet*. Neue Untersuchungen zu den Argonautica des Valerius Flaccus, München 1998 (Zetemata 98); 374pp. [includes 105; 106; 124; 136; 160; 162; 196; 198; 200; 201; 240; 241; 270; 283; 284; 353; 387; 399; 404; 422; 448; 462; 465; 468; 501].

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46. F. Spaltenstein (ed.), Untersuchungen zu den *Argonautica* des Valerius Flaccus. *Ratis omnia vincet* III, München 2004 (Zetemata 120); 191pp. [includes 127; 154; 205; 243; 244; 272; 288; 289; 317; 323; 358].

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While the recently increased interest in VF has led to a number of editions (see Section II) and articles, there are still only relatively few monographs and collected volumes solely devoted to VF's *Argonautica*. The proceedings of a series of three conferences, initiated by German scholars, from the late 1980s to the early 2000s, have appeared in three volumes (**44**; **45**; **46**) of *Ratis omnia vincet* (1.236). While the first meeting was more exploratory, more like an attempt at establishing the state of play, the later ones became more confident and diverse: essays in the published volumes look at individual passages as well as on larger issues such as the role of the gods, the presentation of individual characters, the meaning of the epic, its relationship to predecessors and its reception. A few years after the last of these conferences the journal *Aevum antiquum* (**47**) devoted a substantial section of one issue to a discussion of the similes in VF (see Section VIII.3).

It could be seen as a sign that VF is now fully recognized as a worthwhile author internationally that a ‘Companion’ to Valerius Flaccus has just appeared (48), in close proximity to those on the other post-Virgilian Roman epic poets Silius Italicus (A. Augoustakis [ed.], Brill’s Companion to Silius Italicus, Leiden / Boston 2009), Lucan (P. Assoo [ed.], Brill’s Companion to Lucan, Leiden / Boston 2011) and Statius (W.J. Dominik – C.E. Newlands – K. Gervais [eds.], Brill’s Companion to Statius, Leiden / Boston 2015), but long after the several comparable works now available for poets such as Virgil and Ovid. Rather than detailed studies on individual passages, the Companion to VF includes survey articles on all key issues relevant for interpreting the epic, such as the text, the literary style, the historical context, the presentation of the main characters and the Latin intertexts; the contributions aim both to summarize the current state of research and to present new perspectives and avenues for further work.

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Rev.: J.E. Rexine, Vergilius 32, 1986, 101–102; A. Fowler, TLS 1987 (issue 4374), 115; K.W. Gransden, CR 37, 1987, 47–50; R.J. Rowland, Jr., CW 80, 1987, 332; M. Murrin, CPh 84, 1989, 172–174.

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Rev. (volume): J. Gómez Pallarés, Faventia 12–13, 1990–1991, 466–468; A. Touwайде, Scriptorium 46, 1992, 154*.

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Introductory works on Roman or ancient epics (by individual or several scholars) or survey articles typically contain a section on VF; inevitably, these are of different breadth and depth. They all provide the main details on the epic’s content, its major themes and literary position and thus offer useful starting points for exploring the poem, in addition to introductions in translations and commentaries (see Section II).

The most detailed introductory surveys are the contributions by Burck (49), Malamud / McGuire (54) and Zissos (57). Burck is one of the earliest treatments giving a full and balanced overview of the key issues. Malamud / McGuire put particular emphasis on possible intertextual connections. Barichiesi’s (52) overview of the epic genre does not have a particular emphasis on VF, but addresses generic questions relevant for VF.

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