

Juv056. Juvenal and Persius, with Aldus's letter

Venice, Aldus Manutius

August 1501

Title page: A1^r: IVVENALIS. | PERSIVS.

Colophon a): H10^r: VENETIIS APVD ALDVM.

b): b4^r: *Venetiis in ædibus Aldi. Menſe Auguſto .M.DI.*

Collation: Narrow median 8°: A–G⁸ H¹⁰, a⁸ b⁴, 78 leaves, unnumbered.

Contents: A1^r title page; A1^v ‘ALDVS SCIPIONI CARTE|ROMACHO SVO. .S. | I. Iuuenalis, et A. Perſii Satyras, ut commodius | teneri manibus, ...’; A2^r ‘IVNII IVVENALIS AQVINA|TIS SATYRA PRIMA. | (s^o)EMPER EGO AVDITOR | *tantum? nunquám ne reponam | Vexatus toties rauci theſeide | Codri? |*; on H10^r ‘| Vt læti phaleris omnes, & torquibus omnes. |’; colophon a); H10^v blank.

a1^r ‘AVLI FLACCI PERSII IN | SATYRAS PROLOGVS. |’; on b4^r ‘| *Inuentus Chryſippe tui finitor acerui. |*’; colophon b); ‘IN PROLOGO LEGE. | [four lines of errata]’; b4^v blank.

Typography: 80It; Gk; no initials: spaces with guide letters; 30 lines; 120 (126) 67 mm; \$– \$ iiiii signed (–b4; +H5); catchword ‘Quantus erat’ on H4^v only; running titles: ‘SATYRA || PRIMA.’ (etc.).

Paper: Narrow median paper (estimated sheet size 46 × 38 cm): page size 17 × 10.5 cm (Morgan Library).
9.75 edition sheets.

First Aldine edition of Juvenal.

First octavo edition of Juvenal.

First edition of Juvenal in italics.

This was one of the first books to be produced in Aldus’s new italic type. Like many of the early italics based on it, it has roman (upright) uppercase letters.

Aldus’s dedicatory letter (A1^v) states that he is publishing the satires in a pocket format for the greater convenience of the public: *satyras, ut commodius teneri manibus, et edisci, nedum legi ab omnibus queant, minima forma excusas publicamus* ‘so that they can be more easily held in the hands and be studied, not to say read by everyone, we are publishing the satires in a very small size’ (A1^v).

Beneath the second colophon (b4^r) is a list headed ‘In Prologo lege’ with corrections to line 4 of Persius’s Prologue and a justification of a variant reading.

These octavo editions were apparently printed on a custom narrow median size of paper, specially ordered by Aldus (Needham, 1994, 302–3). A number of surviving copies were printed on vellum.

The sole catchword, on H4^v, is presumably intended to assist the placing of the inserted quarter sheet H5.6.

As with many of the other Aldine classics, this edition was clearly popular and was immediately reproduced in a series of counterfeit and near-counterfeit editions printed in Lyon (see Juv060, Juv065, Juv068 and Juv084). A table is provided showing how these counterfeits can be distinguished from each other and from the original Aldine edition and Aldus’s own misdated reprint (Juv097). Morgan (plate VII) publishes a page of reproductions of the colophons of the first edition and of three of the counterfeits.

Table showing features distinguishing the Aldine counterfeits:

<http://docs.djshaw.co.uk/juvwiki/Aldine-tests.PDF>

Aldus's prologue (A1^v):

ALDVS SCIPIONI CARTE|ROMACHO SVO. .S.

I. Iuuenalis, et A. Perfii Satyræ, ut commodius teneri manibus, et edifci, necdū legi ab omnibus queāt, minima forma excufas publicamus, atque eo tempore, quo omne uitium magis fcat in præcipiti, quã stabat cum conderentur. non enim dubito, ne non cognofcat mores uita, legātque fuos. Eas ad te mittimus Scipio Suauiss. ut tibi iterum familiares fua breuitate fiāt, ut olim fuerant, cum te Romæ Adolefcens cõtinebas, quando eas non minus tenebas memoria, quam digitos, unguésque tuos. VALE.

Bibliographical references: Adams J770; Isaac 12767; Morgan no. 62; Renouard, *Alde*, p. 29, no. 6; UCLA, Ahmanson-Murphy catalogue, no 44; EDIT16 36104; USTC 762303.

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