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#### About the Author

Very little is known about **Hesiod** and it cannot definitely be proved that the same man wrote both the **Theogony** and **Works and Days**. He probably lived in the eighth century BC (contemporary with Homer) in Boeotia on the Greek mainland.

**Theognis** lived and wrote chiefly in the sixth century BC. He came from Megara, probably the one on the Greek mainland, and was an aristocrat. There was a popular revolution, in which he lost his status and possibly his money. He appears to have been exiled and might have moved to Megara in Sicily. He had a friend called Kurnos, the son of Polypaos, an aristocrat like himself. to whom he wrote numerous poems.

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