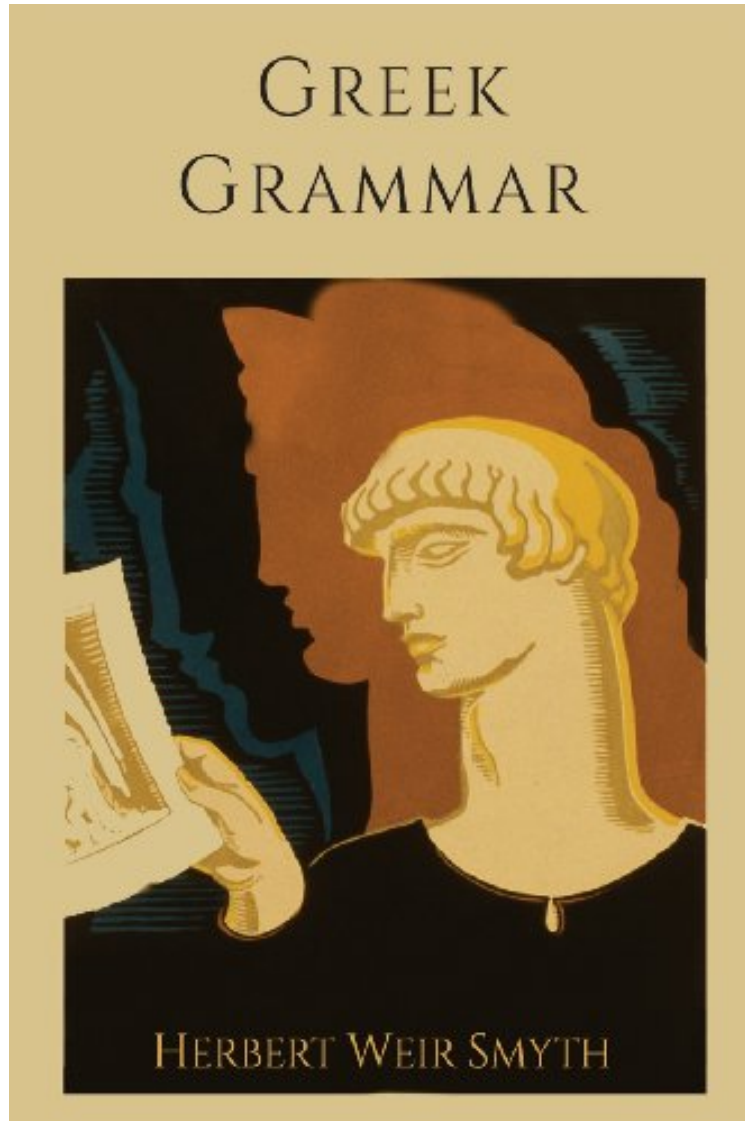


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printing. After going through part I, I finally made the painful decision to put this book to rest. The problem is that the Greek minuscule script uses diacritical marks, many of which can't be ignored; for instance, the mark for the H or no-H. Since they put a mark there even for the no-H (spiritus lenis), one has to discern whether the mark opens to the right or the left. So, I had to use a powerful magnifying glass to tell. Under magnification, I could see the boundaries of the mark clearly, and what I discovered was that more than half the time, the shape of the mark was sloppy. It appeared to be 'smudged' (printed with too much ink). Until then, I had thought it was just my tired old programmer's eyes. Greek also typically has more than one diacritical mark over a single letter. This diacritical clutter made it difficult to clearly see which marks were there. I was able to compare this Harvard printing with a 1920 printing by the American Book Co. (*A Greek Grammar for Colleges*.) This printing is much clearer, less smudged, less ink, but in the end, it too had its limits when checked under magnification. So, I got Mastronarde's *Introduction to Attic Greek*. In that book, I can at least clearly see the diacriticals. The problem with Smyth is that Harvard acquired the plates for the book, and then took a short-cut, by just using them (more or less) directly for printing. At least, that way they wouldn't introduce new typos, especially in the Greek text. The only way to solve this problem is to re-cast the entire book with their publishing software so that they can control the size and type of Greek fonts used. It would be a lot of work, but if they worked together with some Greek professors, they might actually be able to work the project into a re-casting of the text itself, producing a new, up-to-date grammar that has the comprehensiveness of Smyth's book. For instance, they could re-structure the whole thing around Attic Greek, making as little mention as possible of the other dialects, and then at the end, make separate sections for each of the other dialects, detailing as Smyth would, just how they differ from Attic. Sorry for the bad news, but there are other people in my situation who would need to know this. Joseph Shead

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