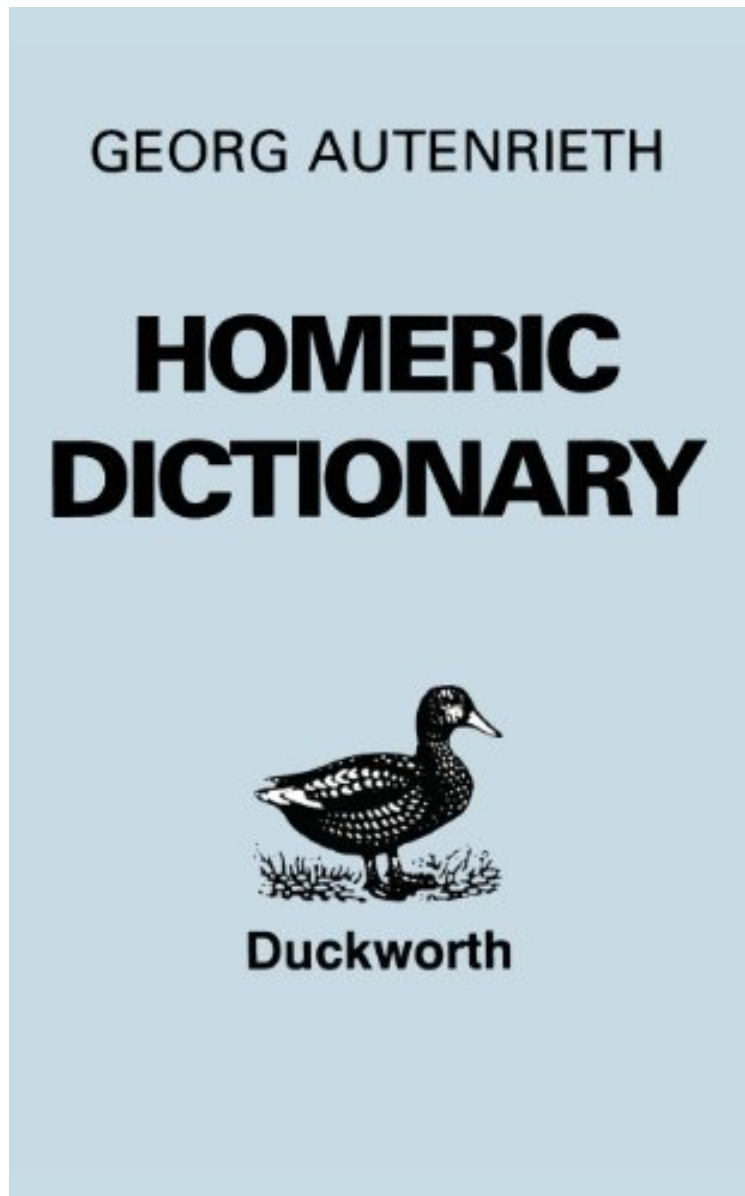


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Language Notes Text: English, German (translation) About the Author Dr. Georg Autenrieth was the Director of the Gymnasium at Zweibrücken. He undertook the preparation of a school dictionary of the Iliad and Odyssey at the request of Teuber Co., of Leipzig.