

POPULARITY OF ANCIENT HISTORIANS

Tables and Graphs, excluding Table 5

Table 1. Burke's findings, 1450-1700

Sallust	<i>Catiline</i>	282
Sallust	<i>Jugurtha</i>	271
Valerius	<i>Words and Deeds</i>	198
Caesar	<i>Commentaries</i>	189
Curtius	<i>Alexander</i>	179
Tacitus	<i>Germany</i>	164
Livy	<i>Decades</i>	160
Suetonius	<i>Twelve Caesars</i>	155
Tacitus	<i>Annals and Histories</i>	152
Florus	<i>Epitome</i>	147
Josephus	<i>Antiquities</i>	73
Josephus	<i>Jewish War</i>	68
Plutarch	<i>Parallel Lives</i>	62
Xenophon	<i>Cyrus</i>	54
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	44
Thucydides	<i>Peloponnesian War</i>	41
Eutropius	<i>Compendium</i>	40
Polybius	<i>Histories</i>	36
Xenophon	<i>Expedition</i>	30
Diodorus	<i>Historical Library</i>	25
Dio	<i>Roman History</i>	25

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Table 2. Burke's findings, 1450-1599

Sallust	<i>Catiline; Jugurtha</i> ⁴¹	201; 194
Valerius	<i>Words and Deeds</i>	151
Caesar	<i>Commentaries</i>	135
Livy	<i>Decades</i>	118
Suetonius	<i>Twelve Caesars</i>	86
Curtius	<i>Alexander</i>	67
Tacitus	<i>Germany; Annals and Histories</i>	61; 49
Florus	<i>Epitome</i>	56
Plutarch	<i>Parallel Lives</i>	49
Josephus	<i>Jewish War; Antiquities</i>	47; 42
Xenophon	<i>Cyrus; Expedition</i>	39; 26
Thucydides	<i>Peloponnesian War</i>	30
Herodotus	<i>History</i>	26
Polybius	<i>Histories</i>	23
Dio	<i>Roman History</i>	21
Diodorus	<i>Historical Library</i>	20
Eutropius	<i>Compendium</i>	? ¹⁴²

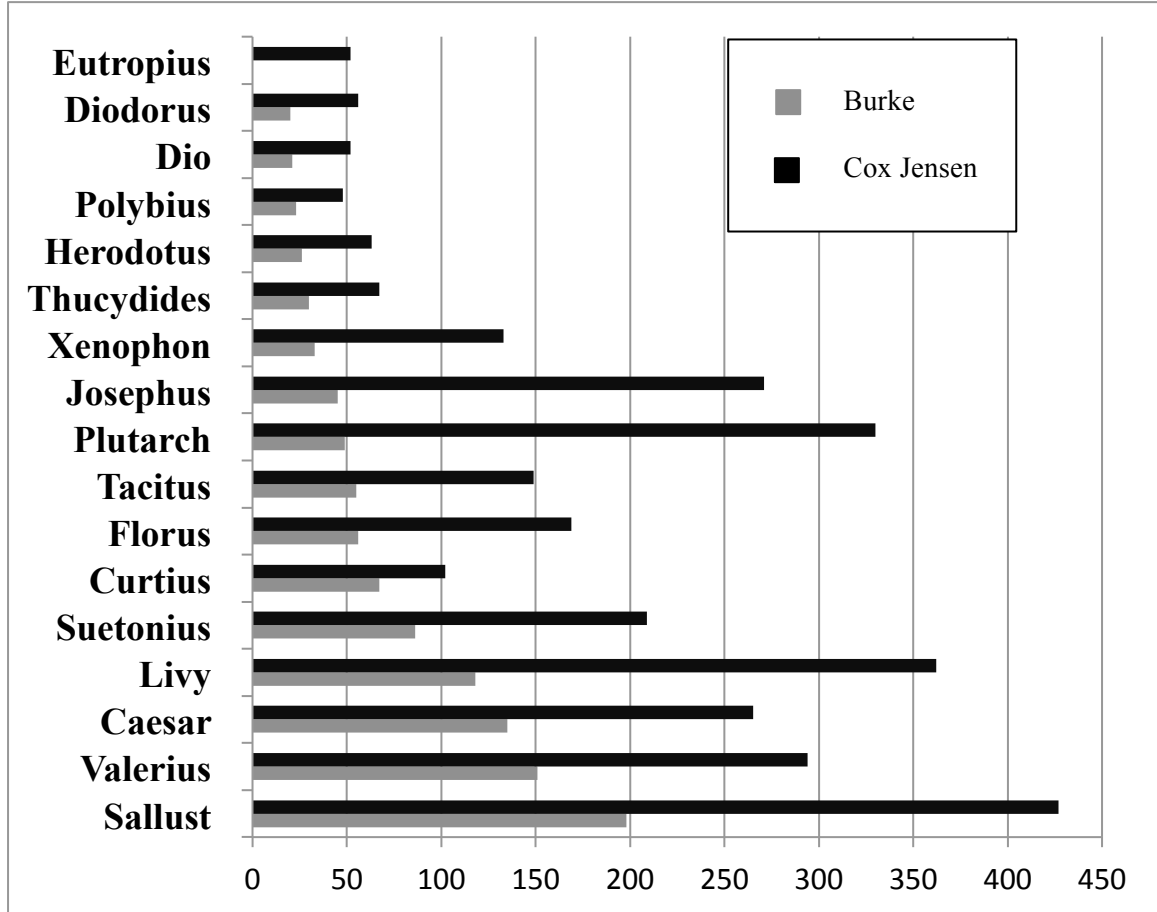
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Table 3. My findings, 1450-1599

Sallust	427
Livy	362
Plutarch	330
Valerius	294
Josephus	271
Caesar	265
Suetonius	209
Florus	170
Tacitus	149
Xenophon	133
Curtius	102
Thucydides	67
Herodotus	63
Diodorus	56
Eutropius	52
Dio	52
Polybius	48

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Graph 1. Comparison of Burke and Cox Jensen, 1450-1599



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Table 4. Number of books produced in each fifty-year period

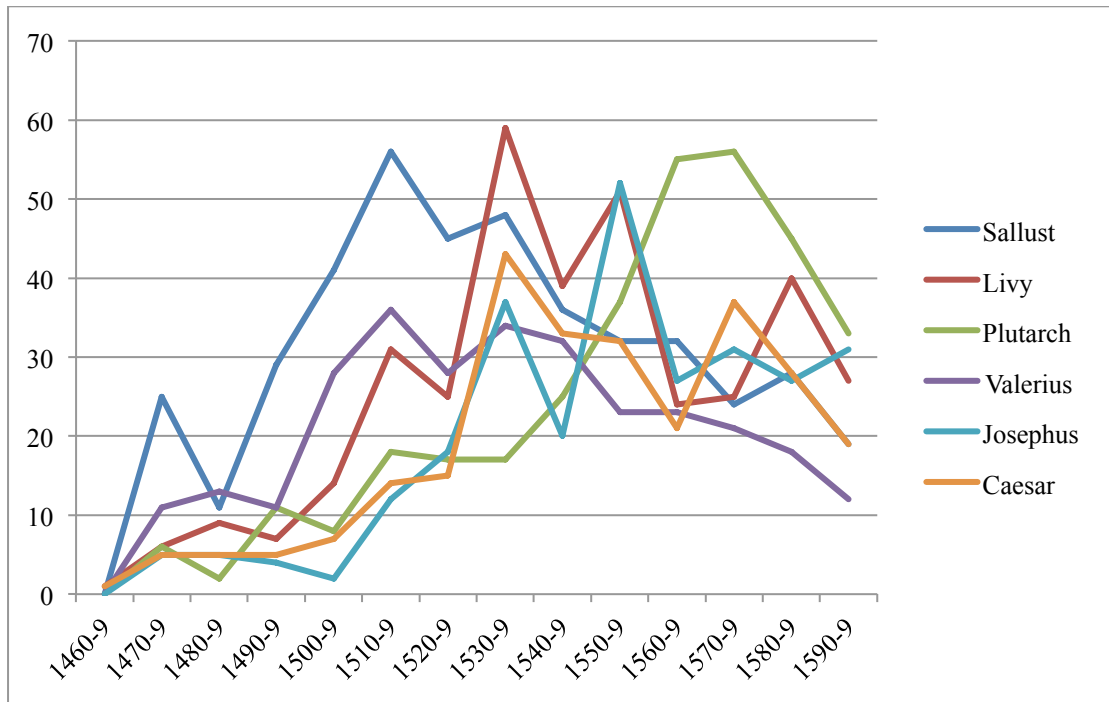
1450-99	
Sallust	65
Valerius	36
Livy	23
Suetonius	20
Plutarch	19
Florus	17
Caesar	16
Josephus	14
Curtius	9
Tacitus	6
Diodorus	5
Herodotus	4
Eutropius	3
Xenophon	2
Polybius	2
Thucydides	1
Dio	1

1500-49	
Sallust	227
Livy	168
Valerius	158
Suetonius	121
Caesar	111
Josephus	89
Plutarch	85
Florus	79
Curtius	50
Xenophon	40
Tacitus	37
Diodorus	29
Thucydides	25
Polybius	25
Herodotus	24
Eutropius	23
Dio	19

1550-99	
Plutarch	226
Josephus	168
Livy	167
Caesar	137
Sallust	134
Tacitus	106
Valerius	97
Xenophon	92
Florus	72
Suetonius	68
Curtius	43
Thucydides	41
Herodotus	35
Dio	32
Eutropius	26
Diodorus	22
Polybius	21

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Graph 2. Number of books printed in each decade, for the six most-printed authors



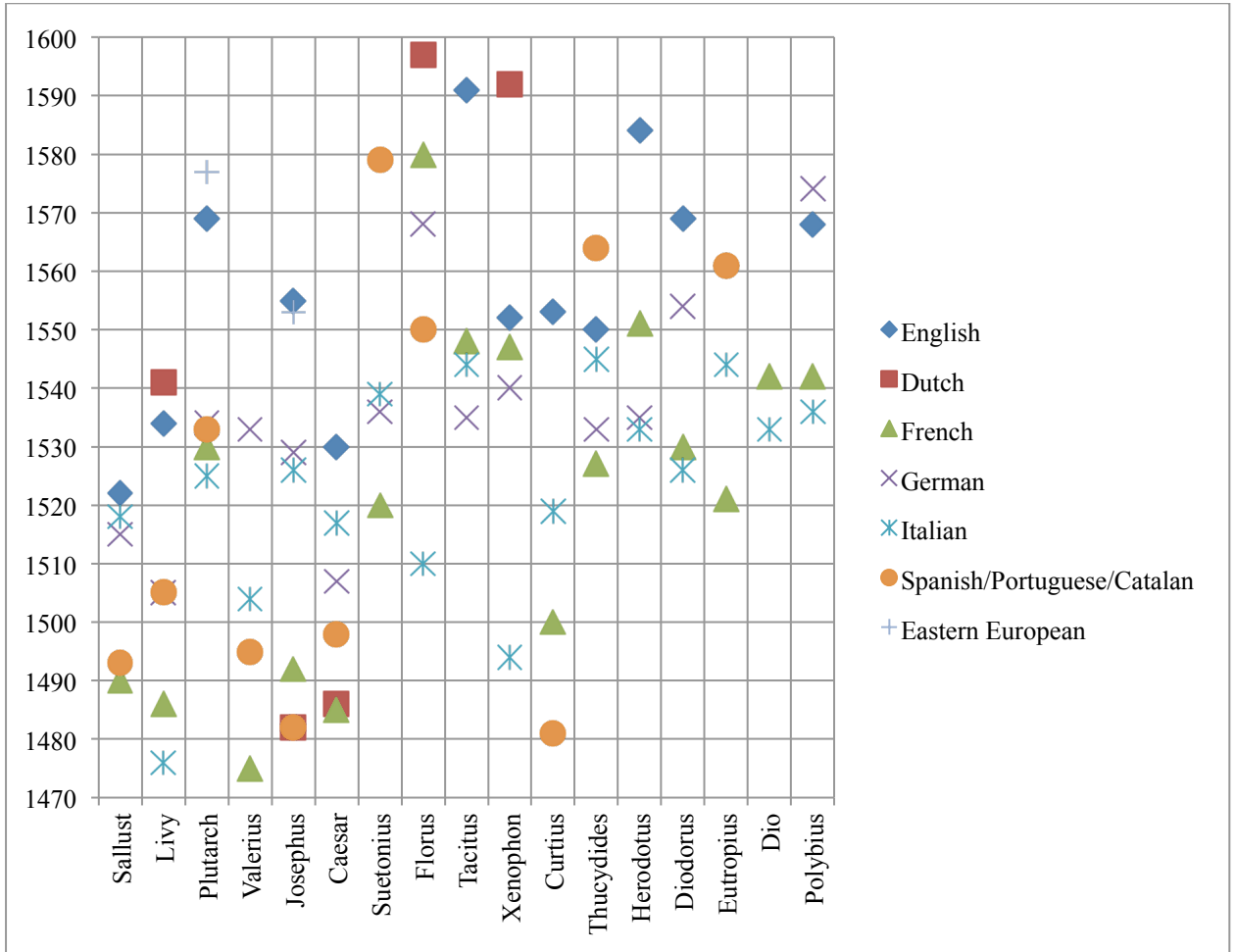
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Table 6. Number of books in the vernacular compared with Latin/Greek

	Ancient Languages	Vernacular	Unclear	Total	% of total in the vernacular⁴⁷
Sallust	388	42	-	427	10
Livy	235	125	2	362	35
Plutarch	159	171	-	330	52
Valerius	252	42	-	294	14
Josephus	91	180	-	271	66
Caesar	170	94	1	265	35
Suetonius	181	26	2	209	12
Florus	150	19	-	169	11
Tacitus	117	32	-	149	21
Xenophon	84	49	-	133	37
Curtius	76	26	-	102	25
Thucydides	36	31	-	67	46
Herodotus	48	15	-	63	24
Diodorus	34	22	-	56	39
Eutropius	38	14	-	52	27
Dio	35	17	-	52	33
Polybius	30	18	-	48	38

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Graph 3. First vernacular edition of each author, in each language



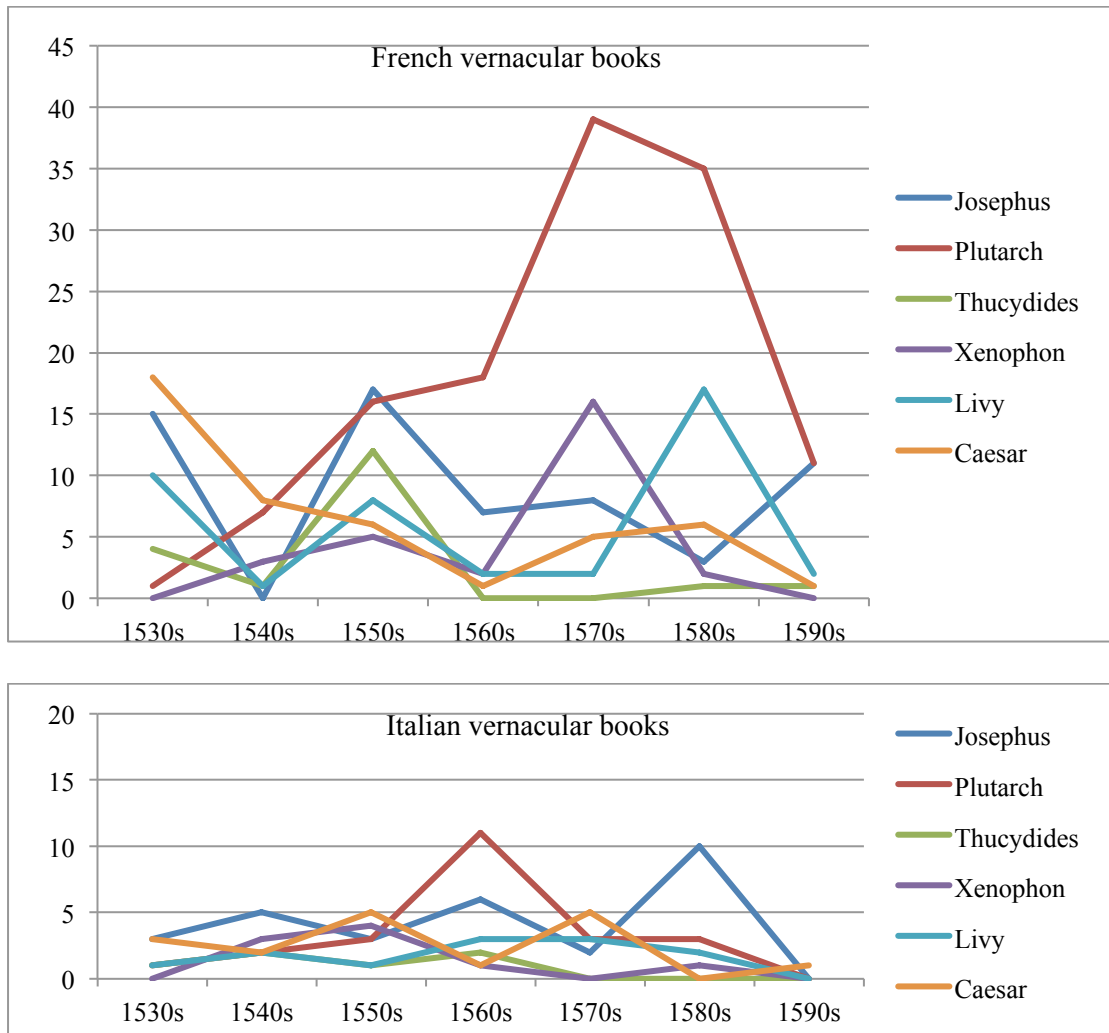
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Table 7. The six ancient historians most popular in European vernaculars

	no. in vernacular	% in vernacular
Josephus	180	66
Plutarch	171	52
Thucydides	31	46
Xenophon	49	37
Livy	125	35
Caesar	94	35

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Graph 4. Number of books in French and Italian vernaculars, from 1530



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Table 8. Number of books of more ancient ‘historians’, 1450-1599

Sallust	427
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Plutarch	330
Valerius	294
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Caesar	265
Suetonius	209
Florus	169
Justin	152
Tacitus	149
Lucan	135
Xenophon	133
Nepos	115
Diogenes Laertius	106
Aurelius Victor	105
Curtius	102
Appian	99
Thucydides	67
Herodotus	63
Herodian	57
Diodorus	56
Eutropius	52
Dares and Dictys	52
Cassius Dio	52

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Polybius	48
Festus (Sextus Rufus)	38
Dionysius of Halicarnassus	33
Velleius Paterculus	19
Procopius	19
Ammianus Marcellinus	16

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⁴¹ I have chosen to present Burke's entries with multiple texts by an author combined in the table, so that each author appears only once, and a comparison with my own results is clearer.

⁴² Eutropius does not feature in any of Burke's tables other than Table 1.

⁴⁷ To the nearest whole number. Given the error margin contained in the data, it should be borne in mind that the percentages should only be taken as a rough indication of the proportion translated into the vernacular, especially for the less frequently printed authors, where one edition more or less would necessarily change the percentage by a greater degree. The same is true for Table 7.