

Book 2 of Lucian's *True Histories* [Discussion]

Read Book 2 of *True Histories* and make an attempt at answering the following questions:

1. What are the major events in Book 2? Give a synopsis that includes reference to section numbers.
2. To what extent is the content of Book 2 derivative? Can you discern creativity in Lucian's writing?
3. How do the events in Book 2 relate to the opening of the *True Histories*, namely Book 1.1-4?
4. What are the prevailing scholarly views/interpretations of Book 2? Do you agree with them?
5. How would you characterise the *True Histories*? What, if any, literary genre does it belong to?

For bibliography: see (a) module webpage; (b) Reardon p.620.