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Euripides (c. 480-406 B.C.E.) was the last of the three great tragedians of classical Athens. E. R. Dodds is at University of Oxford.