



Aristaenetus, Erotic Letters

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The first complete English translation of Aristaenetus in nearly three centuries

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