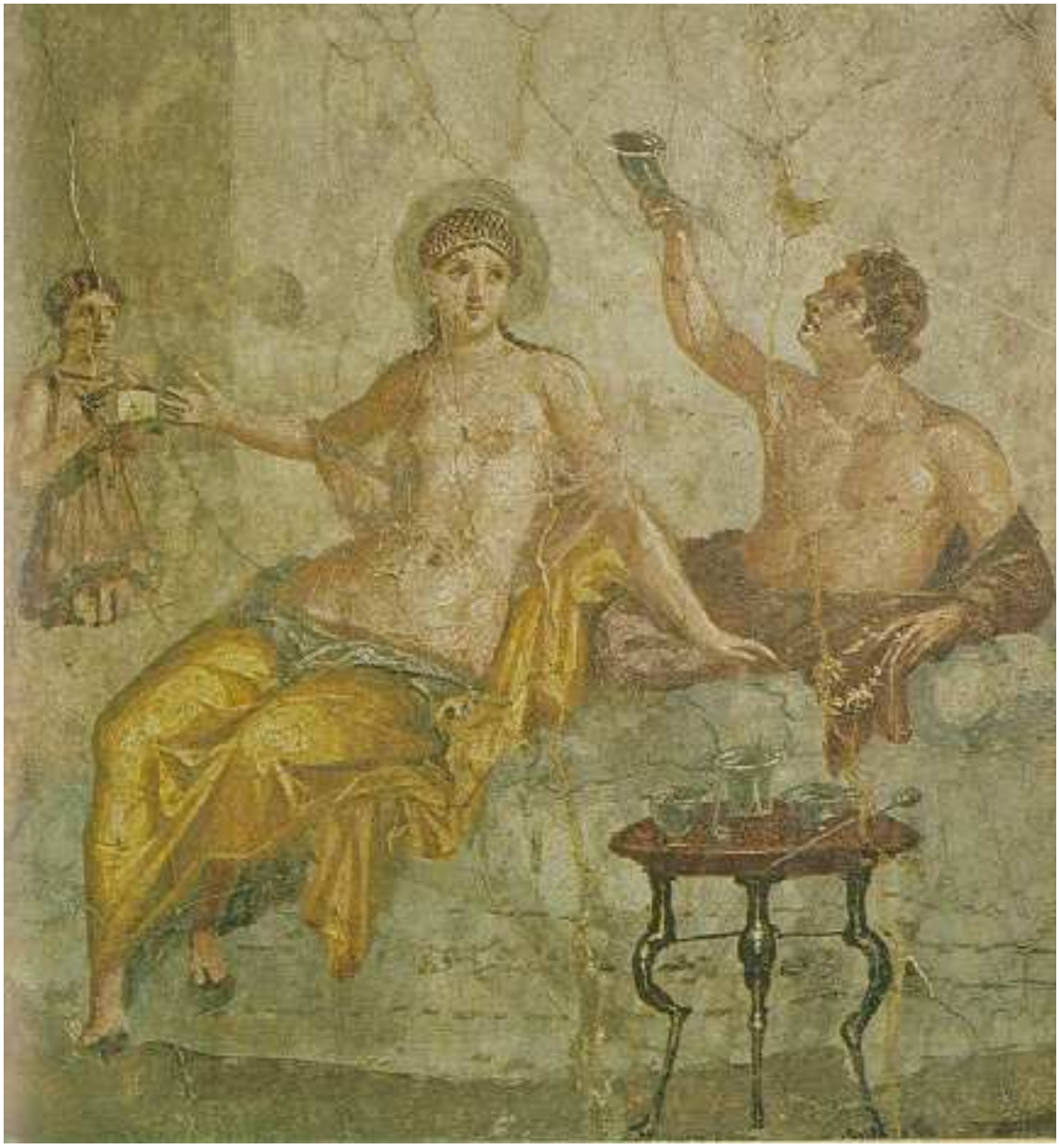
Ovid

The Erotic Poems



Publius Ovidius Naso
(43 BC - 17 AD)

The Erotic poems

1. Amores
2. The Art Of Love
3. Cures For Love
4. On Facial Treatment For Ladies

Roman Empire under Augustus, 14AD

Exile in Tomis

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Why was Ovid Exiled?

Nobody knows! But..

From the *Tristia*:

Though two crimes, a song and a mistake, have destroyed me,
On the cause of the one deed I have to remain silent
For I am not worthy of reopening your wounds, Caesar,
It is more than enough that you have been pained once.
The other charge remains: I am accused of becoming by a
Shameful song a teacher of obscene adultery.

Amores

Epigram by the Poet

We are our author's book. Before, we comprised
five sections,
Now we're cut down to three. The decision
was his.
You may still derive no pleasure from
reading us - but remember,
With two of us gone, your labour is that
much less.