
As Pope's "Imitations of Horace" are what this term paper is chiefly concerned with, I have found it useful to make some remarks about Horace's image and influence in the educated society of the eighteenth century, and especially about Alexander Pope's relation to him. That Horace's ideas about poetry (i.e. his "Ars Poetica") were of great significance in the literary world of Augustan England has been stated before. Pope's principal Imitations of Horace, edited by John Butt. He is the third most frequently quoted writer in the English language, after Shakespeare and Tennyson. Pope was a master of the heroic couplet. Books by Alexander Pope. More Trivia About Imitations of Horace. No trivia or quizzes yet. Add some now. Quotes from Imitations of Horace. "Our rural ancestors, with little blest, Patient of labor when the end was rest, Indulged the day that housed their annual grain, With feasts, and o'errings, and a thankful strain." 14 likes. More quotes.
Pope began his Imitations of Horace around 1733, presumably on a hint or suggestion from Bolingbroke. Epistle II, i, usually called the Epistle to Augustus, was written in 1736 and first published in May 1737. By 1737 George II had become sufficiently unpopular that it was safe for Pope to publish this ironic version of Horace's tribute to the Emperor Augustus. The monarch to whom Pope addressed his poem was hardly able to speak English and was antagonistic to learning and the arts. George II, although having personal courage, had little else a monarch required. The English and Latin by Richard Steiger. Other editions. ENG & LATIN TEXTS OF POPE (Garland Publications in American and English Literature). ISBN. 0824042441 (ISBN13: 9780824042448).