



## Symposium (Translated with an Introduction by Benjamin Jowett and a Preface by Friedrich Schleiermacher) (Paperback)

By Plato

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