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Jenna says

A study of major challenge in history of philosophy, and sequence of ethics, logic, metaphysics, epistemology, politics, philosophy of religion, the theory of knowledge, and a lot more. It adapt the idea of understanding an important part of our intellectual, and cultural heritage of Western society. It is important that we have to question our human existence.

Sedighe Vazehi says

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MK says

Popkin's does a great job of covering the basic premises of philosophy. This book gives the essentials of the subject without much bias, and is in fact, very straight to the point.

I picked this book up with the hopes that it would jumpstart me on my attempt to study philosophy. I never took philosophy as a formal subject in school, because it was not conducive to my future endeavors. I have a latent regret of this fact, but it was much assuaged when I realized that this book could summarize the basic knowledge I wanted to know.

Why should you study philosophy? Or rather, why should you read this book? Because philosophy is perhaps one of the most important subjects in life. It is a subject with which we actively engage in daily; whether by our inane opinions of life, or simply disputing the nature of reality with out friends. Undoubtedly, most of us have voiced our own opinionated thoughts on this subject subject without even knowing it. Philosophy, like the study of history, should help you become a better citizen. By learning and accepting/rejecting different views of philosophers, it leads to a deeper introspection of one's self.

This book just does that: it feeds the reader information on the basic ideologies of famous philosophers from Descartes, to Plato, to Aristotle. There are numerous examples and critiques upon their views. Subjects from justice to morality, to...well, just about everything, are covered in this book with the opinions of numerous philosophers to shine light on seemingly obvious topics.

Contemporary Philosophy

It took me quite a while to get through this book, but I think it was worth it.

I never had a formal introduction to philosophy, and I was beginning to really feel the void in some of my conversations and debates. Of course this one book doesn't give all the answers or sufficient depth for all the questions, but I think it gave me a good starting base.

I'll probably be referring back to it a lot.

Amir Qiasvand says

I think this book could be a proper book to start studying Philosophy.

It introduce main concepts in Philosophy?provide an abstract of philosophical views in ethics? policy etc? for those who are beginner in philosophy.

this book also consist of a logic section which I think could be the main part.

altogether I believe that it can help readers start thinking in the logical way and change their way of thinking about life?social life?world?good & evil etc.

Wendy says

Quite dry at times, but I feel that I definitely learned a lot.
