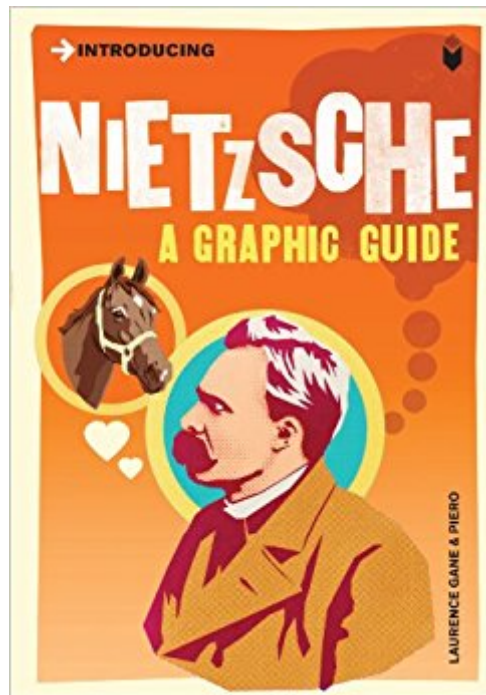




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Synopsis

Why must we believe that God is dead? Can we accept that traditional morality is just a 'useful mistake'? Did the principle of 'the will to power' lead to the Holocaust? What are the limitations of scientific knowledge? Is human evolution complete or only beginning? It is difficult to overestimate the importance of Friedrich Nietzsche for our present epoch. His extraordinary insights into human psychology, morality, religion and power seem quite clairvoyant today: existentialism, psychoanalysis, semiotics and postmodernism are plainly anticipated in his writings - which are famously enigmatic and often contradictory. "Introducing Nietzsche" is the perfect guide to this exhilarating and oft-misunderstood philosopher.

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Criticism

Customer Reviews

I perused this book in a bookstore and found myself not being able to put the book down. I returned the next day, and read more of it, then decided that this book is well worth the ..., especially since it makes you think and begin to question things around you that you have accepted all your life. This book, in my opinion, is great for anybody interested in Nietzsche or Philosophy- not only is it

entertaining, but it gives a nice overview of his life and his works- and is a great starter for anyone who doesn't know where to start with Nietzsche. If you are Christian or one who associates with a religion, you may find some of Nietzsche's ideas a bit offensive. But even if you are, or if you have already been questioning things like 'culture' and religion, you will smile when you read this book. Nevertheless, it's good just to read this book- no matter what angle you're coming from, it's always good to know different views, and this is one view you don't want to miss. You will smile at how Nietzsche came about gaining so much self knowledge, and by doing this, he came up with his unique and provocative ideas. I'd highly recommend this book, as well as the others in the series. If you want to go on a journey with your mind, this is a good place to start, well worth the ... that would go towards buying some non-necessity anyways. Hopefully in the end, like Nietzsche, you'll find your own philosophy and go your own way, not some way that you did not choose.

A concise overview of Nietzsche's life and work, and his influence on later thinkers. Even though I am not familiar with the technical language of philosophy, I found it very clear and easy to read, and finished it in one sitting. It also put to rest my concern about possible connections to the Nazis. Cute illustrations.

I am a fan of all the books in the Introducing series, but this was one of my favourites. Very clear and easy to understand. This is a good place to start if you are interested in Nietzsche but overwhelmed by the amount of material available. Includes an excellent concise list of further reading. The illustrations in this selection are not as helpful as in the other intro books but are still amusing and add entertainment to the text. I read this book in one sitting because I couldn't bring myself to put it down.

For me most philosophers should be studied regardless of their views or how they differ from one's own views. This book seeks to inform readers of Nietzsche's life and his philosophical beliefs. Do not expect an in depth look at any of these. This would most likely be useful for someone just starting to study philosophy with no significant prior knowledge. The actual best place for this would be as a bathroom book. It is very easy to read and is broken down into numerous categories concerning Nietzsche's teachings. It also uses numerous illustrations with major historical people and how they viewed these teachings or how they helped to contribute to Nietzsche's belief system. It also goes far in setting straight a lot of misconceptions and falsehood regarding this philosopher.

A good illustration but not a good summarization. I would rather go with a book that covers a little more detailed ideas of him. However, if you need some short (but not basic though) explanations for his ideas, this guide may be helpful.

This book is a perfect introduction/overview of Nietzsche's work, well paced, covering all the bases simply and succinctly, with suitable illustrations. Best of all, Nietzsche himself gives intellectual justification for such a brief overview of complicated ideas - he is perhaps the greatest critic of all, of academic overwrite and turgid over-complicated arguments. As a great proponent and utiliser of the aphorism, you can feel quite comfortable in reading this edition, that you are in fact doing the great man's work justice. We see in Gane's book what a profound thinker Nietzsche is, and what a thoroughly modern figure he is. We see how Freud, Postmodernism and the current critique of science as God all developed from his work. What a man, what a thinker, what a book this is! Junk the original works and just read this - now that's a post-modern approach.

This is the second Introducing Graphic Guide I have read (Introducing Sartre was the first). These guides are a great way to quickly learn about subjects you have heard about all your life but actually know nothing about. (I learned enough about both of these philosophers to know not to bother reading any of their works. I also developed a deep sympathy for poor Nietzsche, who probably had Asperger's Syndrome or something similar. For a great philosopher, he lived a truly miserable life.) The only negative thing I can say about the guides is that I didn't like the illustrations in the Nietzsche Guide, which I found weird, sometimes confusing, and often depressing. But then, that was what Nietzsche was like!

An engaging and comprehensive summary of Nietzsche's various thoughts organized primarily chronologically, but also establishing thematic links where necessary. The book effectively pairs the prose of Gane to paraphrase Nietzsche's ideas (which would likely satisfy Nietzsche himself) and quotes from Nietzsche. One of the most remarkable elements of this text are the illustrations which are spectacular and add a great deal of depth to this light analysis and re-articulation of Nietzsche's core assertions and ideals. The text also includes biographical information to add context to his writings and additionally a laundry list of philosophers, psychologists, and thinkers who were heavily influenced by Nietzsche. Nothing beats reading the real thing, but this unassuming little book will greatly enhance any study of Nietzsche's ideas.

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