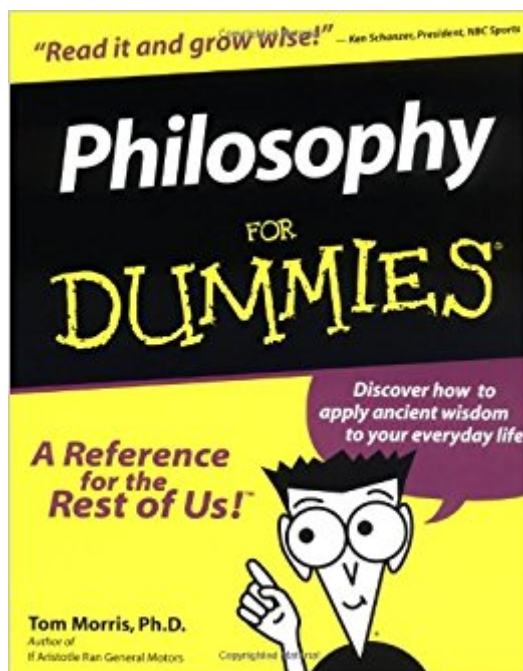


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# Philosophy For Dummies



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If you think philosophy is complicated or boring, think again! In this refreshingly different guide, author Tom Morris not only explains philosophical fundamentals, but shows you how philosophy can help you find more meaning in life, understand religious belief, and look at the world in a whole new light. Discover how to: \*Think about life's ultimate questions \*Apply the insights of great philosophers \*Develop your own personal philosophy \*Expand your mind

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Having only a cursory exposure to the study of Philosophy, this work was very helpful. If you are looking for a start at the very basic level, that is the Author's goal, and I think he does it very well. I have seen some negative comments of being an attempt to steer people to a particular belief, I

disagree. The Author is very up front regarding personal experiences that have shaped his perceptions of things before he ever found and interest in Philosophy. I wonder about some of the comments: If they read the beginning of the book, the, "About it Book", section in particular; He is very up front; if he didn't give some idea of the process he used to reach HIS conclusions (also something to think about), it would be a work as interesting as the teacher in, "Ferris Buller's Day Off". If it does offend someone's sensibilities in what truth is, who never delved into the Philosophy of it or the Philosophical Arguments before, and it gets them thinking as well as looking deeper into the arguments, because they aren't satisfied with what is presented; Hasn't the Author achieved one of his stated goals? It got them interested. He does a great job of introducing and exploring the definitions, and terms, used in the world of studying philosophy. To someone who has no idea what the premise of materialism is, they will come away knowing it's not who believes in acquiring as much stuff as you can. So in applying that example to the rest of the, "isms", out there - is the mission not accomplished?

I don't need to add to what has already been said in other comments about the author's heavy handed biases in this book. While I agree with many of the author's positions, that's not the point in an intro to philosophy. I feel disillusioned with the Dummies people for letting something like this get published under their name. My real frustration is with the low quality of the kindle version. Someone seriously needs to go through this edition and fix the fact that the main text and side captions are run together. In short, a total ripoff. Don't waste your money.

Tom has written a brief and delightful book here about the subject of philosophy. He does seem to favor his own views of dualism and theism, much to the dismay of other philosophers who have read this book. I liked the presentation and his message. If you are of some more religious disposition you'll probably like this book. If not then this might not be the one for you. Or maybe this is the one for you? At the very least he quotes a lot of philosophers and writers and is a very good example of a motivational theistic philosopher.

EXCELLENT BOOK.

Great read asks many questions makes one think outside the square Thought provoking Many quotes from ancient and present philosophies

This book has amazing worth for those who have not had the opportunity for formal training in Philosophy. Morris lays out opposing views and walks us through the personal debates we each face as we consider some of the deeper meanings of life. His purpose for being is evident with each chosen word.

This is a good book and gives a great overview of the subject of philosophy. I found it lacking in meaningful philosophical thoughts and I will have to read other books on philosophy to learn more about this subject.

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