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Customer Reviews

This book is okay, just not what I was hoping for. It follows the style typical from DK, with lots of information and side bars packed onto each page. It does a good job of describing the history of philosophy in a very simplistic way, which is what I would expect. However, I noticed toward the end of the book, when modern subjects were being covered, it took a turn. I bought this book because I am hoping to help my children to learn "how" to think, rather than "what" to think. The final quarter or so is quite slanted toward a particular political orientation (for example, one entire section is titled "Communities Matter, Not Individuals"... no debate or discussion), and presents a number of ideas

as simple facts. This made this book unsuitable for my purposes.

this would be a good book for a child about 12 years old. Mine is 8, and after previewing topics like "How do I know that I really exist" I realized that developmentally he will not be ready to tackle those types of abstract questions. However I am holding onto it and think that it will be very good for later. There is a good website that I found online that is FREE for younger children. It uses picture books as the starting point and then gives you a list of questions to ask your child to get them thinking. Here is the website:[...]If you have kids under 12 and are looking to start philosophy, I recommend waiting for this book.

Saw this at Barnes and Nobles. My girlfriend was really excited about it because was a philosophy major. We don't have kids but I bought her this book anyway because she was drawn to it and wouldn't put it down. The store price was nuts so I ordered it for her on . The book is nifty. Easy to follow as long as your can read at about the 3+ grade level or so. Adults could probably benefit from reading this book. It has lots of questions to ponder about.

My kids and I read and look at this book together. Children are naturally such deep thinkers and I love that the book encourages them to ask questions rather than "giving them all the answers."

This book is absolutely superb! Very clear and broad in scope, it makes hundreds of philosophical puzzles engaging to children and adults alike. The book is organized thematically by topic (an excellent decision) but also weaves in history with side-bars and occasional biographies. My 8-year old son is fascinated by all the questions it raises, and it is just as stimulating to me (someone who teaches philosophy at a university). I feel like buying one of these for every person I know, of any age.

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