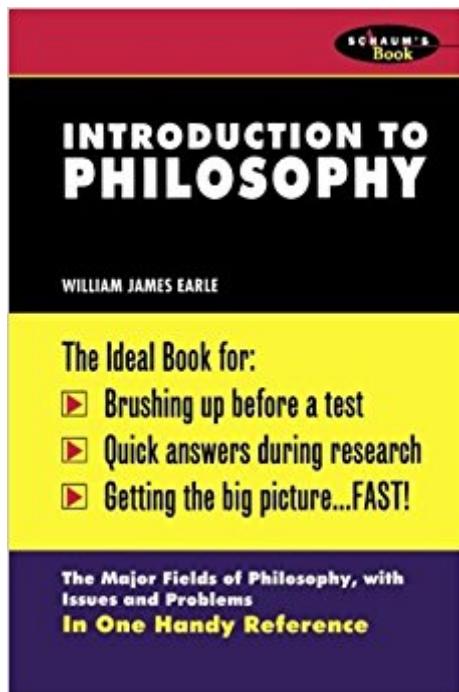


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# Introduction To Philosophy



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Received as expected.

Its not the best philosophy book out there, but it is certainly very helpful on the process of understanding the basics of the subject. Perfect for the normal philosophy student or someone simply interested in the topic. The book its very concise and although in some instances it may seem like ideas are not developed to a full extent I found that a concise version is better than a 800 pages text book on the subject. The author of this book was actually my philosophy professor in college and the book is way more helpful when he explained the concepts. He is a great person too :)

Excellent book for a student of philosophy or the general interested reader. A difficult read, mainly due to the complexity of the content. My only qualms were the author's constant use of variables when expressing certain ideas, which I found to be somewhat distracting. However I do recommend this textbook to anyone starting on their arduous yet fulfilling endeavour into philosophy.

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Very Good!

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An excellent, concise, easy to read introduction to philosophy. Professor Earle has an amazing and unfortunately rare ability to find and lay out only what is essential to a philosophical argument. In addition, he gives a useful bibliography after each section for those who want to learn more on the subject. I found this book a useful tool for understanding not only particular arguments , but also for

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