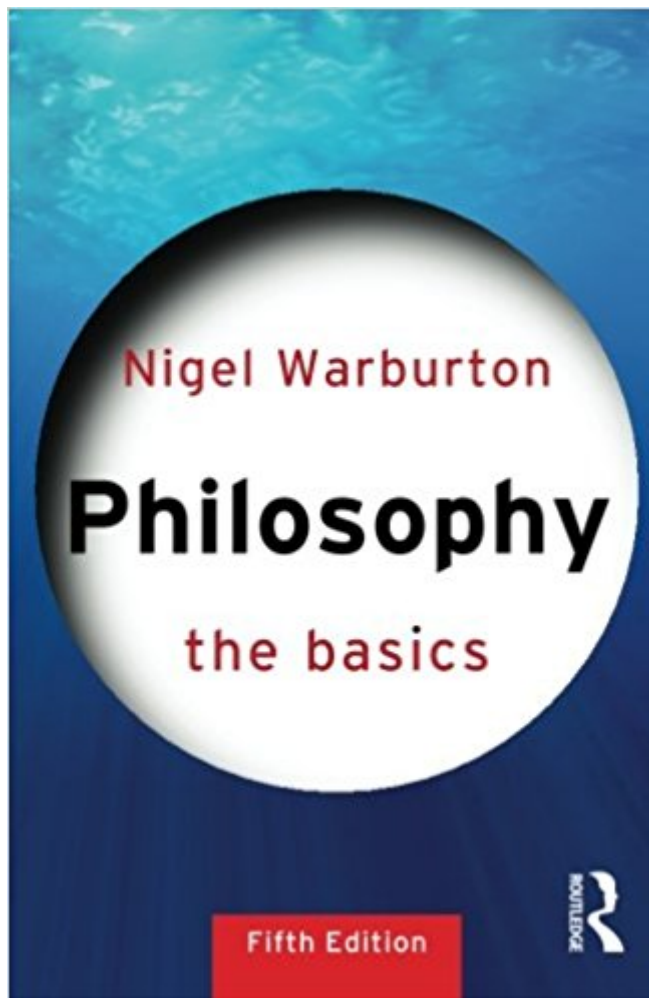


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Nigel Warburton is Senior Lecturer at The Open University. He is author of several books for

Routledge including Philosophy: The Classics, Philosophy: Basic Readings, Thinking from A to Z, and The Basics of Essay Writing.

I bought this one and Nigel Warburton's: Philosophy the classics as I wanted to compliment the assigned reading of an online degree I'm taking. Warburton has a gift, a gift that makes philosophy both understandable to the layman and also, keep it interesting as opposed to confusing and appearing circular in its conclusions. The book, as its title implies, summarizes all the basic philosophical arguments and theories. Morals, Ethics, politics, God, the eternal world, right and wrong and others. There is a short narrative to explain each and then critical arguments both for and against. If, like me, you have an emerging interest in philosophy and philosophers, this book will serve you well. The language is English. English as in layman's English and the theory summations along with their description and analysis assume no prior knowledge. Worthy of your time and money.

Well written by someone who knows his field and subject matter, a pleasure to read.

Good overview for the novice student

this book provides a topical approach to the introduction of philosophy and is a terrific jumping off point for those interested in exploring philosophy as a academic career or as avocational pursuit. Each chapter provides the principle debates in the field and the arguments for and against each opinion. It is written in layman language that can appeal to the general reader without losing him in the verbiage of the professional academic. Highly recommend!

This book unravels many questioning thoughts that have been pushed aside as a person would grow up. And I find that this book (which I had to get for college) was a very enlightening read on some of those thoughts mentioned. I bought this book as a kindle edition so it was fairly cheap for what I was getting out of. Though surprisingly this was cheaper than many other alternatives and is far more convenient due to the fact that it can be read through any computer / kindle.

I read this book because I really liked the author's podcast, Philosophy Bites. Both it and this book articulate complex ideas in the clearest possible language, without any unexplained jargon or ivory tower obfuscation. It reveals some of the the fascinating philosophical questions at the heart of

human experience. This book will make you think and might even get you philosophizing!

Nigel Warburton says early in this book that one reason people have difficulty with philosophy is that many philosophers do not write well. Warburton writes very well, in plain language and very clearly, avoiding jargon that tends to obscure. This book has illuminated a number of philosophical issues for me--I think I actually understand the issues and the approach that philosophers take in analyzing them. It's similar to mathematics with its different approaches to solving problems. I would highly recommend this book to anyone interested in learning how philosophers work.

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