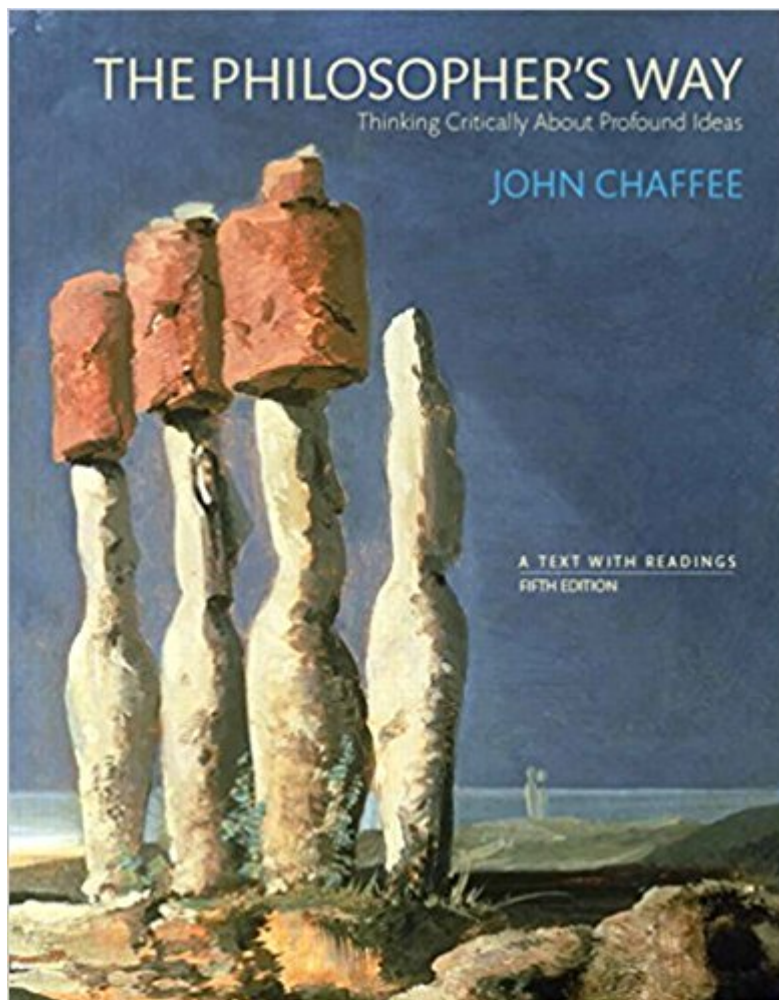




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I read this for enjoyment, not for a class. I found the topics suited to an entry-level philosophy student, but for this purpose it does a good job of explaining the central viewpoints from which philosophers can approach a subject. That said, these types of entry-level books are better when they include a chronological approach to philosophy. I saw jumps between topics and even within topics which seemed to ignore hundreds of years of thinking and debate. As a cursory overview, this book delivers. As a middle-level book, the writing begins to falter. Seasoned philosophers will probably want to stay away from this one.

Really great book! Why? Well, as a college student books can be very pricey, even used books when they aren't in great condition. I received this book fast, in great condition, and for very cheap. My teacher allowed us to order whatever edition and this edition was a lot cheaper than the newest one. The newest one was almost 200 dollar's. I also loved this book because it was very informative. I still use it even though the class is over because it's packed with some great ideas on how to be a critical thinker, which is essential to philosophy.

If it was possible to give a 0 rating would, my book arrived and it appears some pages were burned. The burned pages are falling apart every time I turn a page. This is unacceptable to give a student.

This book was required for my intro to philosophy class. I could sum up this book in one word:

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Can I say this book changed me completely? Through reasoning and critical thinking, I reach a point where I can restart my life. Thank you Dr. Chaffee.

The book is in great shape and the price was unbelievable. My PHIL 191 class required the 5th edition but I took a chance and order this instead, my professor was fine with me using this edition instead and I saved a bunch of money in the process. Thank you!

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