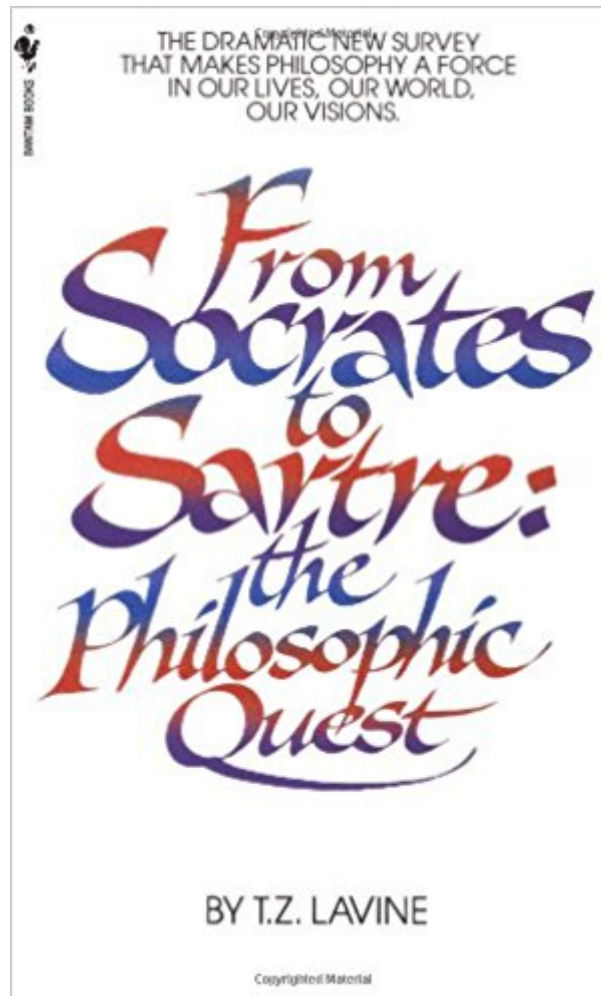




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Helped me understand philosophy, and I received an A for the class. Very easy to read (I hate reading and this was actually enjoyable) and was able to finish the book in about a week. I would recommend it for anyone that is interested in learning or taking introductory philosophy courses, even if this book isn't required.

Great book... if you're into deep and critical thinking. Definately not a book you would want to read for "fun", unless your a fan of philosophy. This was required reading for my philosophy class. It had a decent amount of info on various philosophers, but at times the material became a bit heavy. Thats nothing aganist the author, since the subject matter is rather deep.if youre look for a nicely priced book that condenses all the info you could possibly need to know about various philosophers, than this is your book. I also recieved my book on time.

I enjoyed the book very much. The discussion of Hegelian philosophy brought clarity to a murky subject and Sartre's work was also well covered. However, I would have spent a bit more on the Scottish Enlightenment by including a discussion Adam Smith's views on the source of ethics. In addition, I would have added more on Anglo-American philosophy - pragmatism was not really covered.

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Nice book.

Good book. Im in college.

This book is an excellent and very readable treatise of philosophy, highly thought provoking, historical and entertaining. I am currently on my fourth reading and have come to a deeper understanding with each. It is a refreshing diversion for a scientist.

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