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For The New Intellectual: The Philosophy Of Ayn Rand (50th Anniversary Edition) (Signet)



Synopsis

This is Ayn Rand's challenge to the prevalent philosophical doctrines of our time and the "atmosphere of guilt, of panic, of despair, of boredom, and of all-pervasive evasion" that they create. One of the most controversial figures on the intellectual scene, Ayn Rand was the proponent of a moral philosophy— and ethic of rational self-interest—that stands in sharp opposition to the ethics of altruism and self-sacrifice. The fundamentals of this morality—"a philosophy for living on Earth"—are here vibrantly set forth by the spokesman for a new class, For the New Intellectual.

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"Ayn Rand is destined to rank in history as the outstanding novelist and most profound philosopher of the twentieth century." --New York Daily Mirror --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Born February 2, 1905, Ayn Rand published her first novel, *We the Living*, in 1936. *Anthem* followed in 1938. It was with the publication of *The Fountainhead* (1943) and *Atlas Shrugged* (1957) that she achieved her spectacular success. Rand's unique philosophy, Objectivism, has gained a worldwide audience. The fundamentals of her philosophy are put forth in three nonfiction books, *Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology*, *The Virtues of Selfishness*, and *Capitalism: The Unknown*

Ideal. They are all available in Signet editions, as is the magnificent statement of her artistic credo, The Romantic Manifesto.

This is a fabulous collection of philosophical exerts from Ayn Rand's three famous works. It contains key philosophical passages from WE THE LIVING, FOUNTAINHEAD and ATLAS SHRUGGED. It is a "manifesto" to use her words, that outlines her later Objectivist writings. Thrilling to read, it felt like Ayn Rand was speaking directly to me in private. Perfectly lovely...

This is the first book to read when exploring Ayn Rand. I never read Atlas Shrugged or The Fountainhead because I don't live the romance part but this book has the most important speeches in both books. To the haters of Ayn Rand: try reading this book instead of hating her because you think you hate her. Nothing is worse than a prejudice dolt.

A great book to introduce or develop Ayn's ideas. It features an overview intro essay along with passages from her fiction. All of it's forceful - as is typical of Ayn - raising issues that have a key bearing on our lives both as individuals and in society. It does contain some of the biting language that's an element of caricatures of her, but her ideas go beyond this. She's accessible, clear, powerful and as relevant today as when this book first came out in the 1960s.

The title essay is a must read for any individual who understands, supports, and desires to spread the word about Objectivism. The remainder of the book are key excerpts from all of Rand's fictional novels that outline some key ideas or specific takes on vital concepts that she writes on in her fiction.

great

Superb analysis as always from Ms. Rand. She was WAY ahead of any other philosopher in the centuries before her or since. It's easy to see why so many people who are truly willing to hear her ideas and use scientific methods of thinking have embraced her Objectivist system. Objectivists may yet save Liberty for all of us from the uninformed masses who seem hell-bent on reckless statist policies.

Good

Excellent summary of her foundational philosophies as she established them in various writing. Rand is probably the least understood, most mis-catalogized philosopher ever. She variously been called a nazi, socialist, and capitalist - proof that most people haven't actually read her books. This is a great starting point if you want to read and decide for yourself, as I did. Dare you to find where her reason and logic is faulty.

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