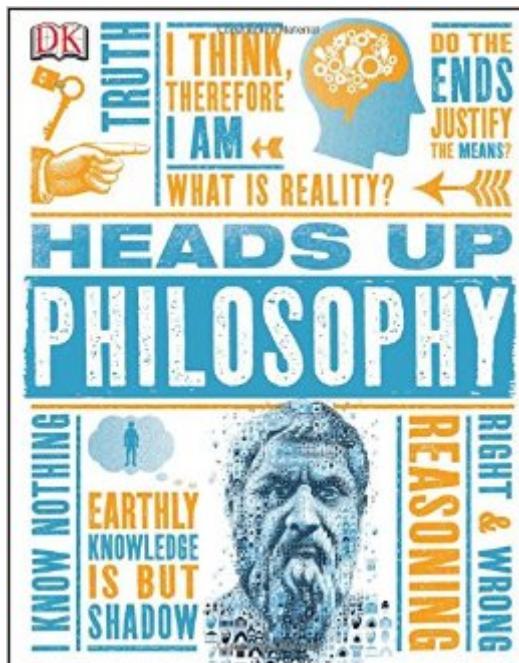


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## Customer Reviews

I am the mother of two philosophers, both in their early 20's. I accepted this book from Vine so that I can talk to my sons without sounding like a total idiot. Now when they discuss the problem of Evil, I can contribute something intelligent like, "What do I see from my window but hats and coats, which may cover automatic machines?" (And then I can add smugly, "Descartes.") Or I can direct them to the section headed: "You can NEVER know it ALL." Anyway, I think the discipline of philosophy is

about to experience a big upsurge, now with legalized marijuana and a stagnant job market. So this Dorling-Kindersly book may come in very handy.I enjoy DK books because they're very visual and fun. They do lots of creative things with charts and diagrams and cartoons. Now, you don't have to plod through bad translations from the original German in order to get the gist of a live-wire like Georg Hegel (or that professional buzzkill Nietzsche) is saying.This is not a textbook, and it isn't for the person who has a background in philosophy. It's geared toward young adults who are beginning to ask questions and formulate answers that go a little beyond the concrete.There are five main sections, which are:--What is knowledge?--What is reality?--What is the Mind?--What is reasoning?--What is right and wrong?Each of these is sub-divided into easily digestible two-page spreads addressing specifics within those categories ("Believing is not the same as knowing") or particular philosophers.There's also a directory of philosophers at the end of the book, with little thumbnail bios of many of these thinkers.

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