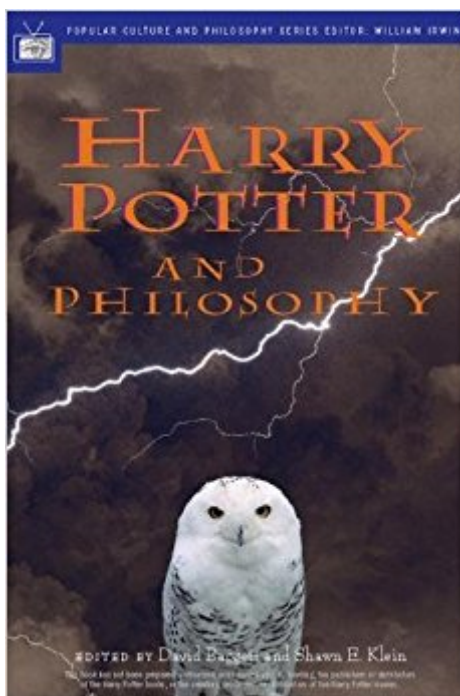


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In Harry Potter and Philosophy, seventeen philosophical experts unlock some of Hogwarts' secret panels, and uncover surprising insights that are enlightening both for wizards and the most discerning muggles.

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Customer Reviews

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Some of the essays in this collection are better than others. A couple were fairly simplistic. The Ravenclaw section was pretty good... all about metaphysics. Despite the inconsistent quality, it's a fun and rather easy read if you're a big (really big) fan of the book series. In addition, I felt like I actually learned some things about classic philosophers as they compared their ideas to scenarios in the Harry Potter books. It pretty much takes traditional philosophical arguments/ideas and uses examples of Harry Potter to supplement the chapters. Very fun and a great way to substitute mini philosophy lessons for someone who is no longer in school (and has read the HP series.)

It feels as though they just took Harry Potter and threw philosophy in it. It was an interesting read but a few of the essays ended up feeling slower than necessary, to the point I skipped the rest of the single essay. Unfortunately, I did not enjoy it, save for maybe one or two essays. Mine came without a book jacket, revealing an ugly brown hard cover underneath.

Great for Potterphiles that want to go beyond just reading Potter. Read this if you want to freak people out with just how much geek you can pull from the series. Also read if you want to take what you have loved and learn wisdom from it.

I read this book not expecting any great new philosophies or insights into old ones. I was pleasantly surprised. As a person that has read many of the older philosophical texts, I know how hard it is to sometimes understand the reasonings and logic presented. I think this book presents its ideas in a very clear way that even the youngest audiences of Harry Potter would be able to have a good introduction to philosophical thought.

This book actually adds to Joannes already superbly developed characters. The authors of each essay included in this book have taken time to avoid making wrong character judgements. The editors have placed the essay in an order making it easier to understand the characters in the context of all the other characters. Snape is extremely complex and well defined here. Timbus Violett Professor Emeritus The University of The Grind

Couldn't put it down! Truly interesting, all the way through. I believe that every Harry Potter reader noted these things as they read along. Three cheers, fantastic.

Bought as a small gift for someone. Do not know if they liked it or not. Have not heard from them since gift was sent.

My children and I enjoyed this book!

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