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Text: English, German (translation) --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Friedrich Nietzsche was, arguably, the most important philosopher of the 19th century. His works include Beyond Good and Evil, Ecce Homo, Human, All Too Human, and Thus Spake Zarathustra."

An important consideration of the impact of Historicism. Nietzsche makes a clear case for the positive and negative aspects of the rise of historical consciousness and how men should behave in light of Post-Hegelian ideas. I cannot speak to the quality of the translation, but the prose is accessible and the small size of the book makes it easy to carry around.

Want a book to spend the rest of your life thinking about from time to time? This is a good one.

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great book

He writes with personality and emotion. He's biting and can even be humorous in a certain light. There is room for criticism, but overall I love this text. It's a great criticism of the people around me (probably of me as well)

Nietzsche's writing has a certain emotional quality that draws me in and makes me consider his viewpoint emotionally. He may be a little difficult to understand initially but trust me, he's worth spending your time on.

this book is very interesting for Philosophy class. This book is about how Friedrich Nietzsche discusses his approach to philosophy. Nietzsche seeks to discover about how he came about and where is God. Nietzsche calls himself a "substance."

Oh god this was fun. Nietzsche's confrontational writing style is such a breath of fresh air compared to so much of pre-20th century German philosophical writing. There are a lot of really good observations crammed into this small piece. The recognition that people often fetishize the past as a way of condemning the skills and talents of their own time, the ways that Christian millenarian beliefs stifle personal creativity and expression. But my favorite thing about this text is how he shows that a hyper-awareness of history more often than not leads to malaise and inaction rather than to some overly contrived idea of wisdom and fulfillment, (Dostoevsky's Underground Man, anyone?) If nothing else, its got more exclamation marks than any other philosophic text I've ever read. Highly recommended.

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