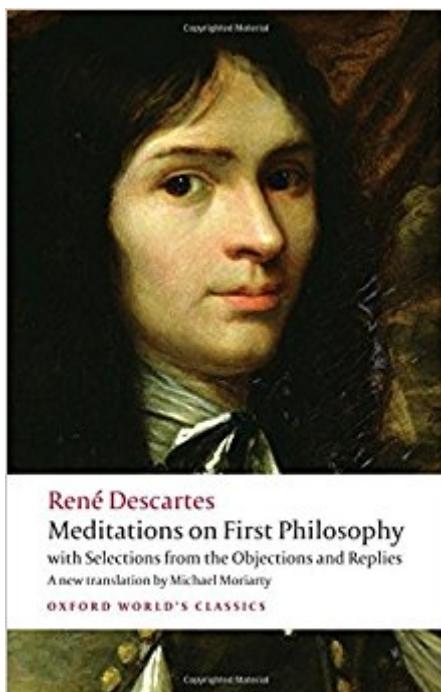


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## Customer Reviews

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For Descartes scholars and aficionados, the main attraction of this edition is the translation. Moriarty's translation pays close attention to Descartes the stylist, thereby capturing a better sense of who Descartes the man and the writer -- and he's a brilliant writer, by the way: clearly Montaigne and Kierkegaard drew inspiration from him -- without sacrificing the richness of his ideas in the "Meditations". Unfortunately this edition does not contain the "Objections and Replies" in full. Moriarty's notes are excellent -- clarifying the text, indicating points of difficulty, and nuances of Descartes's vocabulary. The text is referenced throughout to the page numbers of the standard edition (Adam and Tannery) to which all Descartes scholarship refers.

A must-read !

A critical mind doesn't fall from the sky; it has to be acquired, built up and perfected. Rene' Descartes is and always will be the father of modern philosophy. Descartes' arguments inspired movies such as the Matrix and Inception and rightfully so. His legacy still lives on to this day. Descartes is indeed a powerhouse in regards to epistemology, and gave significant proof on how one can give reasons on their own existence. John Cottingham "Descartes' Meditations on First philosophy" is, indisputably, one of the greatest philosophical classics of all time. "Descartes on doubting everything" What we must do is find the truth by doubting all we can, and finding the only undoubtable thing then build knowledge based off that foundation. "I doubt therefore I think therefore I am, the very fact that I doubt my existence, confirms my existence is a thinking thing." This leads to truth that leads to knowledge. God exists otherwise our knowledge of the external world can only be true if God exists.

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Rene Descartes' meditations still remain key tenets of modern philosophy. Easy to read. The meditations are short enough to avoid information overload.

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Although the Meditations is standard reading for Philosophy 101, I personally would recommend that instructors use the Discourse on Method. It contains the basic ideas in a more autobiographical context and does not delve into the minutiae of Cartesianism. As a system, Cartesianism is of interest only to the history of ideas as later scientific developments have proved. But it is obviously important in the history of Western Civ and so should be introduced in the college curriculum. My opinion is simply that instructors should consider the Discourse a more accessible text.

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