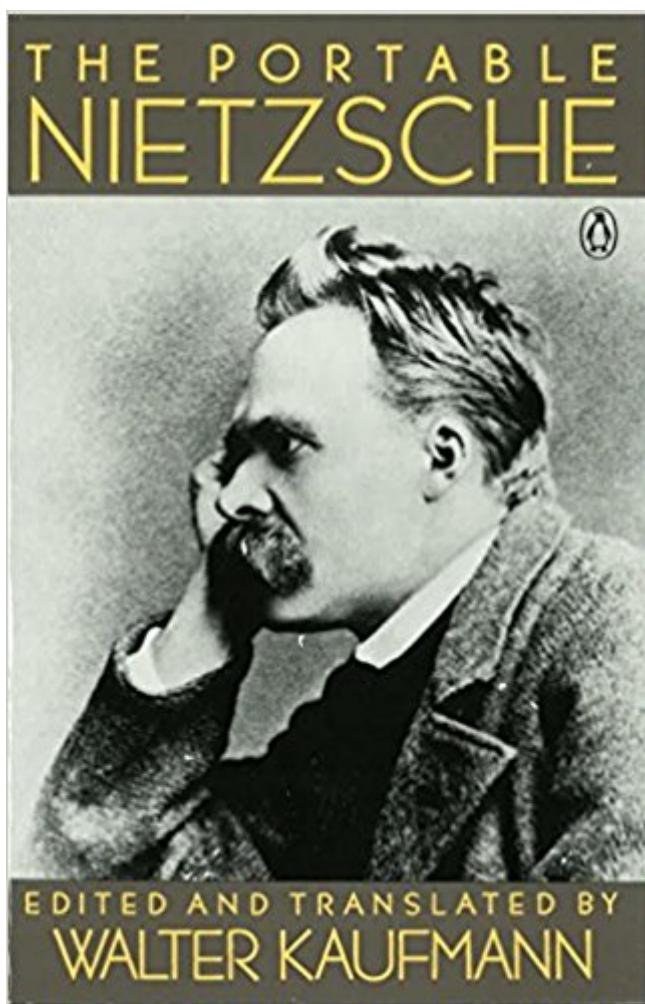


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## Synopsis

The works of Friedrich Nietzsche have fascinated readers around the world ever since the publication of his first book more than a hundred years ago. As Walter Kaufmann, one of the world's leading authorities on Nietzsche, notes in his introduction, "Few writers in any age were so full of ideas, and few writers have been so consistently misinterpreted. The Portable Nietzsche includes Kaufmann's definitive translations of the complete and unabridged texts of Nietzsche's four major works: *Twilight of the Idols*, *The Antichrist*, *Nietzsche Contra Wagner* and *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*. In addition, Kaufmann brings together selections from his other books, notes, and letters, to give a full picture of Nietzsche's development, versatility, and inexhaustibility. In this volume, one may very conveniently have a rich review of one of the most sensitive, passionate, and misunderstood writers in Western, or any, literature." "Newsweek

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## Customer Reviews

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche was born in Prussia in 1844. After the death of his father, a Lutheran minister, Nietzsche was raised from the age of five by his mother in a household of women. In 1869 he was appointed Professor of Classical Philology at the University of Basel, where he taught until 1879 when poor health forced him to retire. He never recovered from a nervous breakdown in 1889 and died eleven years later. Known for saying that "god is dead," Nietzsche propounded his metaphysical construct of the superiority of the disciplined individual (superman)

living in the present over traditional values derived from Christianity and its emphasis on heavenly rewards. His ideas were appropriated by the Fascists, who turned his theories into social realities that he had never intended.

It's Nietzsche, what can I say? Walter Kaufmann wrote the best English translations of the bulk of Nietzsche's work. Although my university has a textbook rental system, I like to highlight and tag passages, so I bought this for a Nietzsche seminar. I

Not yet through reading it however loving it...each page is an invitation to ponder deeper thoughts. This book requires one to take each page and savor it like a fine wine. Slowly and with supplemental thought to expand our minds not quite to Nietzsche size but growth nevertheless.

Nietzsche may be controversial to many but there is definite wisdom to be had here

This is a great small collection of Nietzsche's works. I took this with me on a 7 month deployment overseas and it was great enjoying some of his best works without having to carry multiple books. The translation is the usual trusted Kaufmann, so it's hard to make this any better.

A must have for any lover of Nietzsche...I personally enjoyed *Twilight of the Idols* and the very interesting *Anti-Christ*.

The Portable Nietzsche is one book everybody should read, the earlier in life the better. The *Anti-Christ*, an unfortunate title, is a critique of the religion that has dominated the West for over 2000 years now. Why has not this religion been criticized philologically before, like Nietzsche did? The answer is that this religion has built immunity in it by force first, and later in our days, by sheer propaganda and misinformation. As you can tell, this is one of my favorite books from the collection Walter Kaufmann chose to translate and include in this volume. Buy it and read, the price is right.

Walter Kaufman's translation of Nietzsche's works are quite good. He goes to lengths to explain where other translations of Nietzsche have misused *Übermensch*, the difference's between superman/overman, and he also uses an introductory preface for most of the chapters for convenient referencing. Some of the reviews I read made Nietzsche's work seem intimidating, but reading *Zarathustra* is not as difficult as I thought it would be. Nietzsche's works however, are not

light reads, i recommend you devote plenty of time when reading him, re-reading passages twice when you feel you have to if you really want to come away with a firm grip on his thoughts. Zarathustra is the place where i began my reading and i look forward to the other texts in this neat portable collection.

Includes Thus Spoke Zarathustra, which is a dazzlingly brilliant thing of literature.

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