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**Description:**

A better title for this book might be *The Indispensable Writings of Nietzsche*. Indeed, the six selections contained in Walter Kaufmann's volume are not only critical elements of Nietzsche's oeuvre, they are must-reads for any aspiring student of philosophy. Those coming to Nietzsche for the first time will be pleased to find three of his best-known works--*The Birth of Tragedy*, *Beyond Good and Evil*, and *On the Genealogy of Morals*--as well as a collection of 75 aphorisms drawn from

Nietzsche's celebrated aphoristic work. In addition, there are two lesser known, but important, pieces in *The Case of Wagner* and *Ecce Homo*. Kaufmann's lucid and accurate translations have been the gold standard of Nietzsche scholarship since the 1950s, and this volume does not disappoint.

Anyone who has slogged their way through the swamps of German philosophical writing--in Kant or Hegel or Heidegger--will find Nietzsche a refreshing and exhilarating change. The selections are well chosen, and a cover-to-cover read will aptly depict Nietzsche's philosophy. In this volume the reader will find many of Nietzsche's polemical (and frequently misunderstood) ratiocinations on Christianity, Socrates, Germany, and art. Here, too, are his seminal and unforgettable critiques of Western morality ("That lambs dislike great birds of prey does not seem strange: only it gives no ground for reproaching these birds of prey for bearing off little lambs"). For philosophical fireworks, Nietzsche can hardly be matched. His brazen defiance of intellectualism's conventions still rings in contemporary thought because he practiced philosophy with a hammer. --*Eric de Place*

**Review** "Nietzsche is one of the few philosophers since Plato whom large numbers of intelligent people read for pleasure."

--Walter Kaufmann

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