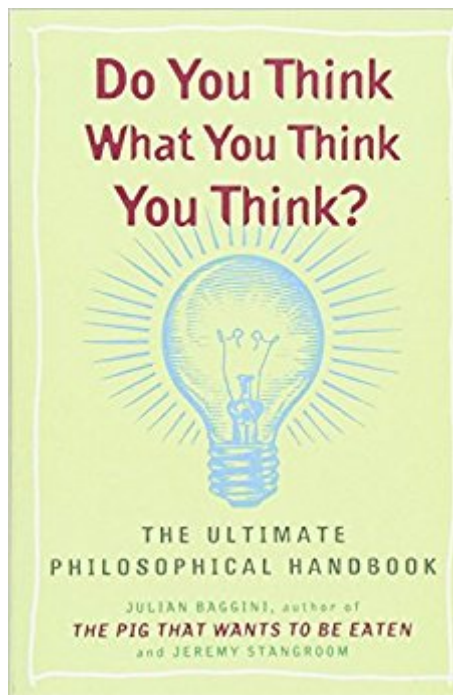




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another chapter, it's possible to conclude that Britney Spears is as great an artist as Mozart. The book's final measures the reader's absorption of the history of the discipline that's provided in the overviews and analyses surrounding each of the testsâ "but it's clear that learning the history of philosophy isn't the point. Once readers have completed the final tally, some may be disappointed to find that, no matter what their score, what you know about philosophy isn't worth knowing. (Aug.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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"Do You Think What You Think You Think?" was a nice little book with fun "thought exercises." This book was briefly discussed on a forum that I frequent, and as I've always been a fan of philosophy and thought exercises, I picked it up immediately (or as fast as the seller shipped it). Unfortunately, I don't think everyone will appreciate this book. With our dualistic and polarized thinking society, it can never hurt to learn a little bit more about why each of us think more critically about our thought processes; however, it seems anytime someone questions a belief or belief system, it is seemed as condescending or insulting. The authors make a good point in one of the potentially "controversial" chapters when they said "[This exercise) is a deep challenge only to those whose beliefs have shallow foundations." If you pick up this book with an open mind and wanting to know more about your belief system and thought process, then this book is for you. If you are only getting this book to reinforce what you already think, then you will most certainly not enjoy this book. Before I get too far along, I must say that this book should not be read as the "be all, end all" guide to thought analysis. It is simply some basic exercises that must be taken within the context of the goals of the book. Each chapter is divided into a different section: Logic, Taboos, Morality, Ethics, God, among others. While going through each section you answer questions that are later assessed to find contradictions or alignments in your thoughts and beliefs. A minor note that the authors are often correct that the scoring may "appear" difficult for a couple sections; but isn't. They are correct; however, the authors did not do as good a job explaining the scoring and I was sometimes left to read between the lines to figure it out for myself, and after I did, it wasn't difficult; but their description was rather

lack-luster. This book was quick to read and fun to engage in. I personally enjoyed every minute of my time reading and interacting with this book. Like I said, I think it is unfortunate that not everyone will appreciate this book; but anyone who considers this as a book to read must go in to the book at face value. Many of the questions and sections can easily be misconstrued as making "right or wrong" judgments or can easily be read as "what you believe is wrong." But again, I think it only goes back to how superficial the person reading the book is. I was never uncomfortable reading this book, even when it pointed out the most obvious contradictions in my basic thoughts and values. The only other thing I will comment on is the price of the book. The back of edition I received had a price tag of \$13. I would never pay that much for this book. I bought it from one of 's used sellers for three or four dollars. J. Stoner

I picked up this book at a local store a while back and liked it so much I decided to buy two more copies here on for family members! This is not the epitome of philosophy books, but I don't think the author intends it to be. It's simply a short, enjoyable, and interactive reading experience that will really make you think. The book is a series of chapters, each devoted to a certain philosophical idea. You engage in short questionnaires and then read through the author's analysis of your responses. The author makes no stance towards wrong or right answers, but sometimes he does point out some things he may find odd or inconsistent (and of course also tells us why). This book may really challenge some of your beliefs or bring up points you may have never considered. This is an excellent book and very recommended read for the always-thinking!

Amazing book.

I got this as a gift for a friend and she loved it.

This book is an engaging adventure into one's own philosophical innermost workings. The quiz in the beginning provides an immediate sense of metacognitive immersion. This short book allow the reader to identify and explore their hidden contradictory beliefs. I highly recommend it for anyone who enjoys self analysis & belly button-gazing.

I greatly enjoyed "Do You Think What You Think You Think" on every level. The book is a series of philosophical excercises that delve into your own logic, ethical, spritual and philosophical beliefs. It does a good job of not saying any one way of thinking is right or wrong, but helps you gain insight

into your belief system while pointing out gross contradictions to how you think. Once I picked up this book I was addicted to it and finished it within a day. I've also recommended it to many friends and will continue to do so.

This was a fun book that allowed me to find out more about myself than what I had previously known or thought going in to it. Definitely worth buying!

It's a great book. In fact I plan to purchase another one for a friend. My only complaint is that the book I received was worked in so a previous owner's answers are all filled in and lots of scribbled out sections. That copy should not have been for sale in my opinion.

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