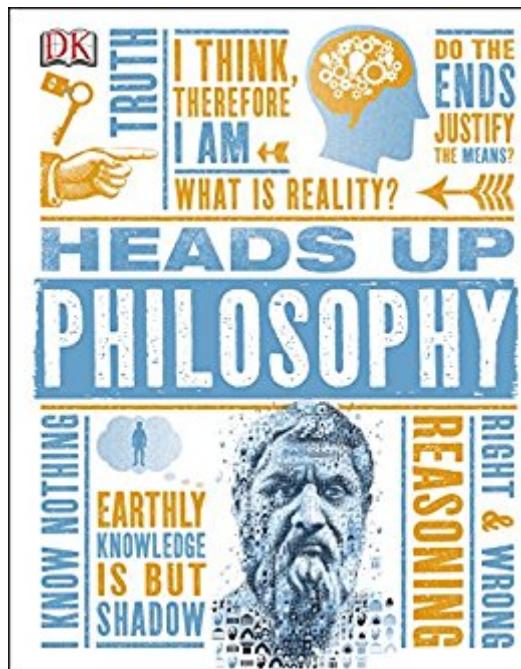


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# Heads Up Philosophy



## **Synopsis**

Who am I? What is the meaning of life? Is there a God? Heads Up Philosophy, part of an exciting new series for young adults, explains and explores all these big ideas and more. What is philosophy? It's the issues and theories that are most intriguing and relevant to curious teen minds--questions like: what is knowledge, identity, human nature, right and wrong, faith, freedom, and justice? Combining lively text with cool, graphic illustrations, this book is designed to provoke, entertain, and stimulate young minds.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This book is very readable and reinforced my knowledge of the history of western philosophy. Since I constantly need refreshing on philosophical school of thought, I will refer back to this book from time to time. This book was well worth the money and I'm going to hang onto it.

I LIKED THE approach to the big questions. But the book needs to splain why they are important. Or is that another book?

Great little book giving a brief overview of various aspects and insight into philosophy. Wonderful

resource.

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I am the mother of two philosophers, both in their early 20's. I accepted this book from Vine so that I can talk to my sons without sounding like a total idiot. Now when they discuss the problem of Evil, I can contribute something intelligent like, "What do I see from my window but hats and coats, which may cover automatic machines?" (And then I can add smugly, "Descartes.") Or I can direct them to the section headed: "You can NEVER know it ALL." Anyway, I think the discipline of philosophy is about to experience a big upsurge, now with legalized marijuana and a stagnant job market. So this Dorling-Kindersly book may come in very handy. I enjoy DK books because they're very visual and fun. They do lots of creative things with charts and diagrams and cartoons. Now, you don't have to plod through bad translations from the original German in order to get the gist of a live-wire like Georg Hegel (or that professional buzzkill Nietzsche) is saying. This is not a textbook, and it isn't for the person who has a background in philosophy. It's geared toward young adults who are beginning to ask questions and formulate answers that go a little beyond the concrete. There are five main sections, which are:--What is knowledge?--What is reality?--What is the Mind?--What is reasoning?--What is right and wrong? Each of these is sub-divided into easily digestible two-page spreads addressing specifics within those categories ("Believing is not the same as knowing") or particular philosophers. There's also a directory of philosophers at the end of the book, with little thumbnail bios of many of these thinkers. (I did notice that many of them are INDEPENDENTLY WEALTHY, which my sons are NOT.) There's also a helpful glossary, and an index. I wish the book had included a list of common fallacies and their applications. Because I am often accused of using fallacious arguments, especially the Slippery Slope. If you know a young person, or a clueless parent, who would like an entertaining cheat-sheet for this subject, look no further! But be careful. You may end up with someone who believes, "I think. Therefore I don't have to base my opinions on reality!!"

Good condition..

This book must have been written for middle-school students.

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