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This new edition of Will Kymlicka's best selling critical introduction to contemporary political theory has been fully revised to include many of the most significant developments in Anglo-American political philosophy in the last 11 years, particularly the new debates over issues of democratic citizenship and cultural pluralism. The book now includes two new chapters on citizenship theory and multiculturalism, in addition to updated chapters on utilitarianism, liberal egalitarianism, libertarianism, socialism, communitarianism, and feminism. The many thinkers discussed include G. A. Cohen, Ronald Dworkin, William Galston, Carol Gilligan, R. M. Hare, Chandran Kukathas, Catherine Mackinnon, David Miller, Philippe Van Parijs, Susan Okin, Robert Nozick, John Rawls, John Roemer, Michael Sandel, Charles Taylor, Michael Walzer, and Iris Young. Extended guides to further reading have been added at the end of each chapter, listing the most important books and articles on each school of thought, as well as relevant journals and websites. Covering some of the most advanced contemporary thinking, Will Kymlicka writes in an engaging, accessible, and non-technical way to ensure the book is suitable for students approaching these difficult concepts for the first time. This second edition promises to build on the original edition's success as a key text in the teaching of modern political theory.

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Steve says

fascinating review of Rawls' theory of justice and moving into Libertarianism, especially Nozick Entitlement Theory on self ownership of property.
I could follow the final chapter on Marxism and Feminism as closely.

Ariane says

I would definitely recomed anyone scrolling over here to read this book.

Kymlicka makes political philosophy an accessible topic, and he gives loads and loads of information in a very simple and easy understandable language. The book really helps putting random thoughts and intuitions in order, as well as better understanding what one actually thinks a fair society would look like.

Scott Winship says

I found this to be a very fair and balanced primer. You certainly FEEL smart at the end. While I'm not sure it was the author's intent, I concluded that political philosophy is an exercise in persuasion that is doomed if it seeks a coherent set of principles that are "right".

Nina Holíková says

I'd never think I'd get so excited about political philosophy, but this book was genuinely enjoyable and made me fall in love with the subject. I bought it for my Egalitarianism course at the uni and love it.

Hamid says

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Benjamin Hill says

Pretty interesting book. It's not too dry either. It feels like it is mostly about conceptions of Justice though even if some of these ways of thinking explicitly are against justice. I'm gonna shower as a reward for finishing this book.

Maria Shury-Smith says

This book is littered with intricately woven arguments that constantly relate each theory discussed to those that have been detailed in previous chapters. This continuous comparison is not only helpful in the formation of the reader's opinions, but in the increased clarity it brings to the theories included.

Mehmet says

Ça?da? siyaset felsefesi çerçevesinde liberal e?itlik,liberterlik,marksizm gibi 10'a yak?n bask?n siyasi görü?ün etraf?nda dönen hemen hemen her tart??maya yer veren ama bölümlerin ve cevaplan?lmas? gereken sorular?n tasnifinde pek özen gösterilmemi? bir kitap.

Kitap, Mill'in faydac?l???n?n, Rawls'un liberal e?itlikçili?inin ve Nozick'in liberter felsefesinin güzel bir kriti?ini yapmakla birlikte as?l enerjisini Komüniteryanizm'e sarfederek okuyucuyu ciddi ?ekilde bo?uyor. Yazar?n belli bir ak??kanl??? olmayan, a??r üslubu da cabas?. San?r?m bunda kitab?n yazar?n ders notlar?n?n toparlanmas? sonucu olu?turulmas?n?n da büyük pay? var.

Ayr?ca günümüzde pek ala?a?? edilen yurtta?l?k kuram? ve milliyetçilik üzerine de kitapta çok ?ahane tart??malar bulunuyor. Bilhassa Türkiye'de son 10-15 senede bir hayli tavan yapan her türlü kötülü?ün mümessili olarak milliyetçili?i görme hastal???ndan muzdarip iseniz bu kitap derdinize deva olabilir.

Kitab?n en çok can?m? s?kan yönü ise komüniteryanizm'e gere?inden daha fazla yer ay?rmas? hatta kitapta en çok tart??ma konusu yap?lan konu ba?l??? bu.

Velhas?l, kafan?zda ça?da? siyaset felsefesi hakk?nda belli ba?l? bir ?ablon olu?mas?n? istiyorsan?z bu kitaptan mümkün mertebe uzak kal?n. Keza, bu kitap ça?da? siyaset felsefesinin anaak?m görü?lerinin derlemesinden çok kafas? fazla kar???k bir adam?n kendi kendine ald??? notlar? matbu hale getirdi?i entelektüel bir çorbadan ba?ka bir ?ey de?il ama gene de zaman?n?z bolsa ve biraz bu konular üzerine kafaya yormaya hevesliyseniz kitapta hiç ummad???n?z soru/cevaplarla kar??la?aca??n?z kesin.

Alexander says

Thorough and yet very accessible. One quibble: Nearly all of Kymlicka's criticisms are undertaken from his (liberal egalitarian) point of view. While some of them are definitely spot-on (e.g., his discussions of the communitarian critique of the liberal self and perfectionist strands of Marxism) and the emergence of the author's own outlook is almost inevitable (and by no means necessarily unwelcome), I still think he could have made a greater effort to canvass a broader set of perspectives.
