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P.H.G. Haslam says

A very comprehensive introduction to a huge range of topics in historiography. Very useful for students.

Wu Weiying says

There're many books about history philosophy/historical methods. This is one of the most comprehensive and reader-friendly ones I have come across.

Jenny says

While the books does give an overview of various fields of history, it is hopelessly out of date and patronizing. It defines words and events in the margins. Things like Third Reich, empathy, etc. Definitely wouldn't be reading it if the professor didn't assign exam questions on specific passages.

John says

If you have any kind of research experience in the history field, this book may seem irrelevant. It did to me.

Kate says

A good introduction to the study of history.

Yes, I am that boring.

Ed Callahan says

This is a good introduction to the current state of modern historiography.

Sarah says

Excellent. I made a lot of notes.

Paula says

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Terri Lynn says

I read this in preparation for a graduate school independent study in graduate historiography and it is awesome. Tosh has an incredible enthusiasm for history and historiography and knows how to make it come alive for readers. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Antony says

Great overview of historical methods. Could only be improved by the inclusion of something of the sense of how to assemble material, identify key themes, and avoid fallacies (refer David Fischer's "Historians' Fallacies").

Stuart Jennings says

Well written introduction to the subject arranged in clear thematic chapters
Has run through more editions than most of us have had hot dinners. As a tutor this means its shelf life as text book is limited as each edition sees slight rearrangements of themes, chapters and pagination and courses have to be restructured accordingly

Andrew says

Required reading for anyone who wish to grapple with research methods for history. A bit Anglo-centric at times.

Will Connelly says

Out of all the books on history philosophy and methods, this is one of them. Terribly written, horribly patronizing, and the fact he felt as if he had to give definitions to his intended audience only made matters worse. Let's be honest, folks who are likely being forced to read this book probably know the definition of words like "trajectory," "chimera," or "diaspora." He rambles on and often loses his point within his own hubris. The examples he provides are often confusing and completely misplaced. As Eurocentric as this book is, I am half surprised that Tosh didn't choose to have the Union Jack on the cover. If I never read Tosh again, it will still be too soon.

Amanda Williams says

After being recommended this book, I was expecting good things. Sadly, it was quite the opposite. It was dry, tedious and a difficult read. It was a struggle getting through each chapter. I gave up in the end before the penultimate chapter. I would not recommend this book.

Daniel Petrides says

While I must agree with the reviewer who found all of the glossings a touch patronising, they are but a small detraction from what is otherwise an excellent book on what, in my opinion, is both a most interesting and important part of history. Whereas many historians have written books of the subject that are essentially manifestos for their own viewpoint (among them G.R. Elton and E.H. Carr) Tosh here aims to be complete even handed and instead provides an overview of key issues involved in historiography.
