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This text introduces students of human geography to the fundamental concept of place, marrying everyday uses of the term with the complex theoretical debates that have grown up around it.

A short introduction to one of the most fundamental concepts in human geography Marries everyday uses of the term "place" with the more complex theoretical debates that have grown up around it Makes the debates intelligible to students, using familiar stories as a way into more abstract ideas Excerpts and discusses key papers on place by Doreen Massey and David Harvey Considers empirical examples of ways in which the concept of place has been used in research Teaching and learning aids include an annotated bibliography, lists of key readings and texts, a survey of web resources, suggested pedagogical resources and possible student projects

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Raya Al-Raddadi says

A very insightful introduction to the concept of place and the conceptual problems of thinking about place through the history of human geography.

Aaron says

Total textbook, but I'm loving it as I introduce myself into the world of Human/Cultural Geography and space/place as really rich concepts when thinking about people work such as education, advocacy and activism.

Harrison says

This book is best read either during or after a course regarding humanist/human geography. It isn't dense or overly academic, but you'll get more out of it that way. That said, this is an excellent overview of some of the most salient and influential topics in the field.

There are also some really shockingly atrocious typos. But I'll put that on the editor, not Cresswell.

Mike Bularz says

This was the simplest way to understand modern geography, I wish this was the first thing I read, it would have saved me a lot of time and headaches. Cresswell goes through some of the history of thought in geography, particularly the humanist branch, and brings it in smoothly all the way to modern thinkers like Doreen Massey, Nigel Coates, David Harvey, and a lot of Yi-Fu Tuan interspersed. In the end, you're left with a vocabulary to think with, and a belief that just thinking about these theories in daily life will yield your own perspective; this is a field that's been developing since before the icons, but is never really complete. Highly recommend.

Elisa says

As an introduction on Place Theory this small book is great. Reading it made me really rethink the spaces and places around me and how value is imbued into such innocuous entities. Informative but dry at times I enjoyed reading this just for the new theory and ideas it outlined for me.

Kat Dixon says

Fascinating subject. Horrendous editing.

Seán says

Good intro to a central concern of human geography

Will Ballew iv says

Definitely some fascinating ideas in here but as a well read college freshmen this was not a very easily interpreted book. Be sure to have a dictionary and an up to date encyclopedia on current philosophies on humanist geography.

The one thing that was really disappointing about the book was the atrocious editing. I would think that a book of this scholastic stature would have the decency to go through and correct at least the blatantly obvious grammatical errors.

Steve says

Cresswell offers a great introduction to spatial theory in relation to place. Anyone interested in starting out in this field, should read this book just to get his or her feet wet. The bibliography was extensive.

Andrew says

I guess if you're interested at all in place theory, this is a fantastic overview. I want to show this to all my non-geography-inclined friends and prove to them all the ways that spatiality puts a verve on our daily lives. It's a bit of an informational barrage, but a very good one.

Linda Stewart says

This is an excellent classroom text for those who like the idea of cultural studies in the writing classroom. It would work well in an introductory interdisciplinary American Studies course. It's accessible to students, provides clear definitions, excellent resources and justification for why humanist geography is a lens to understanding homelessness, sexuality, race, class and more. Chapter three models working with a reading (Doreen Massey's "A Global Sense of Place"). Resources, suggestions for student projects and more. Highly readable and practical for the classroom. Reading this book illuminates why "place is a way of understanding the world."
