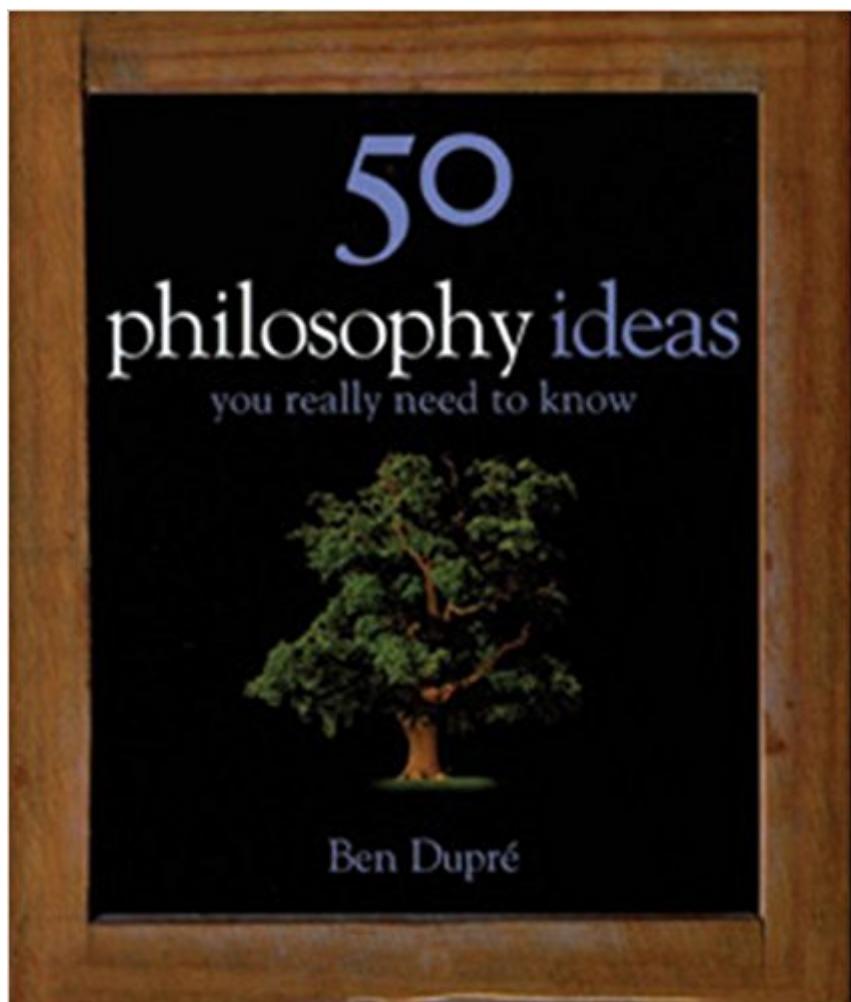


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This is a good read if you want to get your feet wet in the world of Philosophy. I also recommend Sophie's World: A Novel about the History of Philosophy. The topics are presented quickly and clearly and will get you thinking. The section on religion, however, leaves much to be desired. The author is obviously a liberal atheist with no sympathy for religious faith. This would be ok (different points of view are welcome), except when one's strong bias wrongly dismisses the arguments of the other side or, worse, is not even consistent with itself. An example is his idea #41 about the problem of evil; he argues that the existence of evil is strong proof that God does not exist or, if He exists, He's not worthy of worship and praise. Now, this is debatable, and the theist has strong philosophical arguments in support of his thesis (see the Does God Exist? 2009 debate between Craig and Hitchens, where Dr. Craig, in the second DVD presents a good intellectual argument for the compatibility of evil and a loving God, to the point where even Hitchens looked impressed). But aside from that, the author of this book is not even consistent with his own point of view; when, in fact, he then moves on to idea #44 about positive and negative freedoms, he argues that the

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