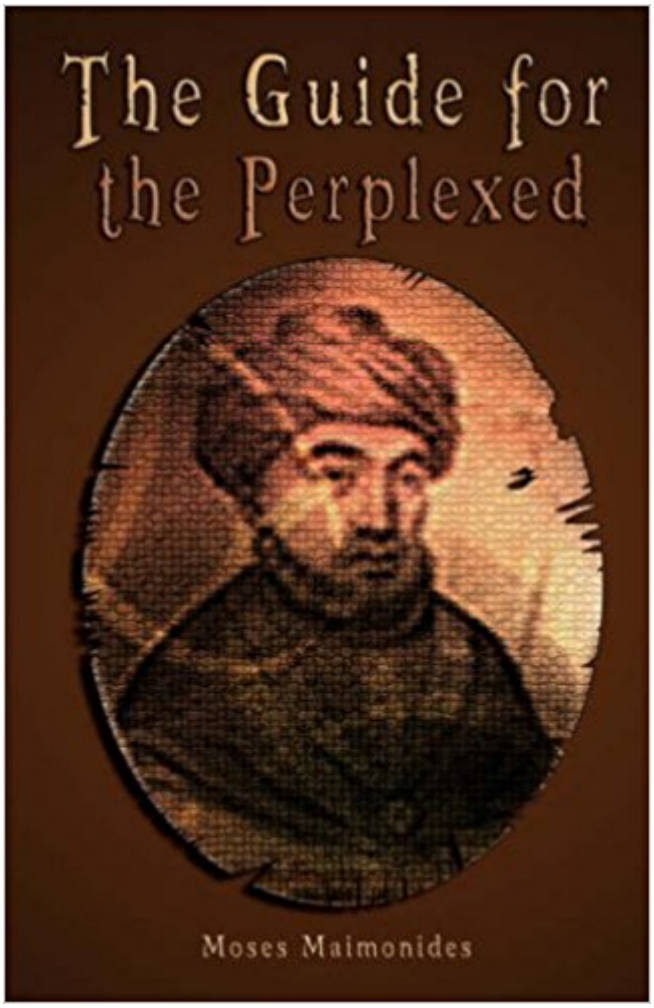
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I'm writing a PhD dissertation about The Guide for the Perplexed, so this is a personal topic for me.The Guide is a very rewarding book despite its difficulty, so if you want to read it, do get S. Pines' translation, it's excellent work and easily available (U. of Chicago Press 1963, often reprinted and for sale here at)My opinion is that there is absolutely no reason to buy this translation; it's terrible. Maybe BN Publishing knows this and for that reason decided not to list the translator's name in their website. It seems that this is a reproduction of the first full-length English translation of the Guide by M. Friedlaender (1904). Not only is it often unclear but in some places it is outright wrong. It shouldn't even be up for sale--and the entire text is available online free of charge (just google the title).The only reason I can surmise for reprinting this outdated edition is because of copyright issues. It's like reprinting an old encyclopedia--maybe quaint, often misleading, and not useful.

Little if any care has been taken in pressenting this volume. Thew contents page is poorly set out, the type face is distresingly bad, the pages have huge unnecessay margins, there is no index, and no page numbers. I am very disappointed with this book, and will be purchasing a copy from a diffrent publisher in the near future. If this is the quality of publication that can be expected fromBN Publishing I will take care not to buy from them in the future. This is the first time I have ever felt the need to leave negative feedback about the actual layout out and pressentation of a book.

Moses Maimonides, Moshe ben Maimon,(1135-1204 CE)was one of the foremost Rabbis, philosophers, theologians and Jewish legal experts of his time. His "Guide for the Perplexed" may, in many ways, be appreciated as his summa and it is full of brilliance.This particular edition however, appears to be a sort of fac-silmili of an early English version of the text. The translation's style is more Victorian than contemporary. That and the tiny type face combine to make this edition difficult to comprehend and read.It does not do justice to so important a Philosopher and Rabbi.

I couldn't agree more with an earlier review: having bought this, I would never buy another book from this publisher. An averagely intelligent poodle could make a better job of editing than has been done here. Quite possibly the worst piece of publishing I have ever seen. Such a book deserves better: go for the Pines edition.

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