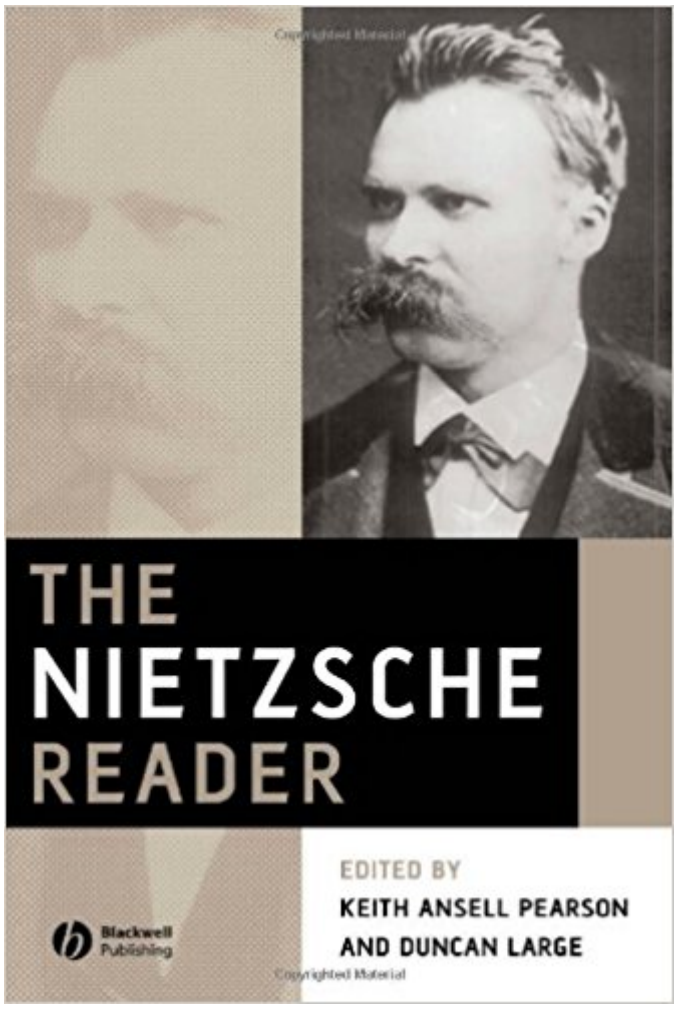
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NietzscheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s impact on modern thought cannot be overstated. Generations have been influenced by this controversial and exciting thinker whose work nourishes academic fields as diverse as philosophy, literary studies, and political theory. This collection brings together in one volume substantial selections from NietzscheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s complete oeuvre, including some never before published in book form in English. It also contains impressive pedagogical features, including editorial sections on NietzscheÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life and importance, an introduction to his philosophical ideas, introductions to each major section of writings, and a comprehensive guide to further reading.
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this is, at bottom, a textbook for a 3rd or 4th year undergraduate college philosophy course. if you're comfortable approaching and "using" a philosopher like nietzsche in this way, then you won't have any qualms about this volume. certainly the translations are generally among the best available, and the inclusion of several minor but illuminating texts (such as "homer's contest" and "on truth and lies") is valuable. the index amounts to a syntopicon of nietzsche's references, keywords and themes across all the included works, which is very useful.the main problem is that all the included works are not all included -- they're heavily excerpted. this can be excused in the verbose, aphoristic or rhapsodic texts up to "beyond good and evil", but at least one of the last three books ("gÃƒÂ¶tzendÃƒÂ¤mmerung", "antichrist", "ecce homo") should have been included entire, as all three are short and trenchant. nietzsche's reputation as scattershot and unsystematic is not helped by editing him into confetti. but as i said: this is a book for readers who will not miss what has been omitted.i was truly underwhelmed by the introduction and prefaces. we get a little of nietzsche, a lot of what people say about nietzsche, and more about what people say about what people say about nietzsche. as another reviewer noted, european academic fashion intrudes too far and too often,

and nietzsche’s sarcasms about the petty fussing of scholars are regretfully ignored.for the mature reader seriously interested in nietzsche, there is much to commend walter kaufmann’s two collected volumes -- the "portable nietzsche" and "the basic writings of nietzsche" -- which comprise eight major works unabridged in excellent translation, and excerpts of many other works, notes and letters, with insightful prefaces and annotations. like kaufmann’s superb "nietzsche: philosopher, psychologist, antichrist," they were published four to six decades ago, and are still in print. i doubt the same will be true of this "reader".

This reader is a great way to get to know Nietzsche - the editorial material provides clear and thoughtful commentary on his philosophy, and the works selected give a good survey of his entire body of writing. It is organized chronologically and walks you through Nietzsche’s life as a writer and a historical figure. All the material is laid out very well; I would recommend this reader for anyone looking for a broad introduction to Nietzsche.

Excellent for anyone curious about Nietzsche. I’m reading everything he wrote that I can get hold of. If you read Bonhoeffer and Marx, you must read Nietzsche.

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