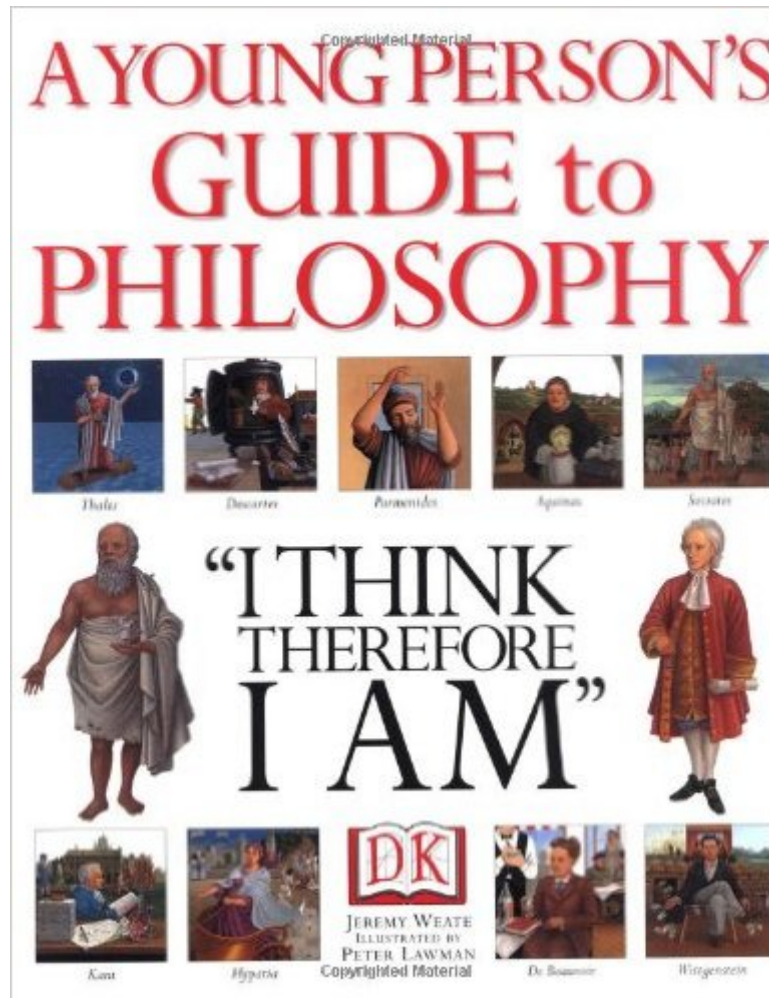


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# Young Person's Guide To Philosophy



## Synopsis

From Socrates and Plato to Kant, Sartre, and Simone de Beauvoir, here is an entertaining look at the world's greatest thinkers and their ideas, presented in a lively way that makes this intriguing subject accessible to all ages. Full color.

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## Customer Reviews

This book provides excellent, brief, and simply worded accounts summarizing key arguments of the great philosophers (and some also-rans). Strength: clear but not condescending sketches of some very difficult ideas. Drawback: Personality eccentricities are overemphasized. The recommended age range is misleadingly low: my nine-year-olds who are advanced readers found it challenging but within their grasp; an advanced 8-year-old friend gave it up as too hard; and a 10-year old friend who is a very good reader found it profitable and informative. I'd recommend 9-12 as the age range.

I just wonder what the publisher thought when the idea of an overview of philosophy for young people was first proposed. Luckily, they must not have been paying much attention because this extraordinary book is in print. It's really amazing that they could pull this book off. How do you explain what the great thinkers throughout history have thought to teenagers and younger? Somehow, Jeremy Weate was able to break down philosophies to their most basic forms. Weate was also aided by his sense of humor and by the pictures of Peter Layman which can help keep interest from swaying. This really is a very valuable resource. This book is supposed to be directed toward readers of the ages 4-8, but I think it is better for a little older audience. I was able use it very

effectively in some college English courses I took in high school. A Young Person's Guide to Philosophy is really excellent. It is really an interesting read and can be very useful.

We paid overdue fines at the library on this book as we waited for interested family members to finish reading it. Now we're buying it to keep on hand as a good reference tool. It's a children's book but was also a good review/overview for adults too.

This is absolutely the best introductory philosophy book for children I have ever seen. The philosophers are covered in historical order starting with the presocratics and ending with living philosophers. The pictures are stunning in the first half of the book. My 9yo loves it!

Decartes would approve! This book is a wonderful introduction to philosophy for kids and young adults alike. I don't think that it is too much for kids 5-8; our 7 year old reads it and comes to us with new knowledge and questions to accompany. I would recommend it to anyone interested in inspiring their kids to think about the world around them in new ways and to further their understanding of some of the greatest figures in history.

[...]I bought this philosophy book for my school library because our collection has none (books about philosophy). It is difficult to explain philosophy and psychology as a Dewey Decimal category without any philosophy or psychology books to show as examples. According to the product description, this book is aimed at the age 4-8 audience, a laughable designation unless there really is a budding philosophy genius in that age group. Another description shows a designation of grades 5-8, a more realistic assessment. In fact, I can't wait to put this book into the hands of one of our incoming 8th graders in August. What's in "A Young Person's Guide to Philosophy"? The first few pages explain the great unanswerable questions that thinking persons have asked since man had a cognitive brain. Why am I here? Where did the universe come from? Where do we go when we die? And so on. Then the story of philosophy begins chronologically with the Early Greeks and their individual, almost single-minded focus and extends through Post-modernism. One full-page color illustration shows each philosopher in his setting (and one "her" setting) with little splats of information all around him. The facing page outlines his background, time period, and philosophical beliefs (very briefly identified). After the major figures of Western Philosophical Thought are identified, then Schools of Philosophy are pursued and a more detailed structure developed. Each philosopher is placed in his proper school. "A Young Person's Guide to Philosophy" perfectly suits

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