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I had to get this for my intro philosophy class, which I had been dreading, but this book made the course very fun for me. It is, for the most part, chronological, starting with Plato, going on to Saints Augustine and Aquinas, and ending with philosophers such as David Hume. This makes it easy to see the development of philosophical views over time. The topics discussed include the existence of God, epistemology (the study of knowledge), ethics, among others. Each chapter presents several different philosophers and their ideas, their strengths, and criticisms from other philosophers. This system helps you decide which view you want to adopt and prepares you to explore them further in a higher level course.

It doesn't get any better than this in Philosophy (Not really,) but it makes the topics seem so interesting and intriguing, as well as it makes it easy to follow by giving real life example and activities that you can actually relatable. Overall very good book would recommend

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