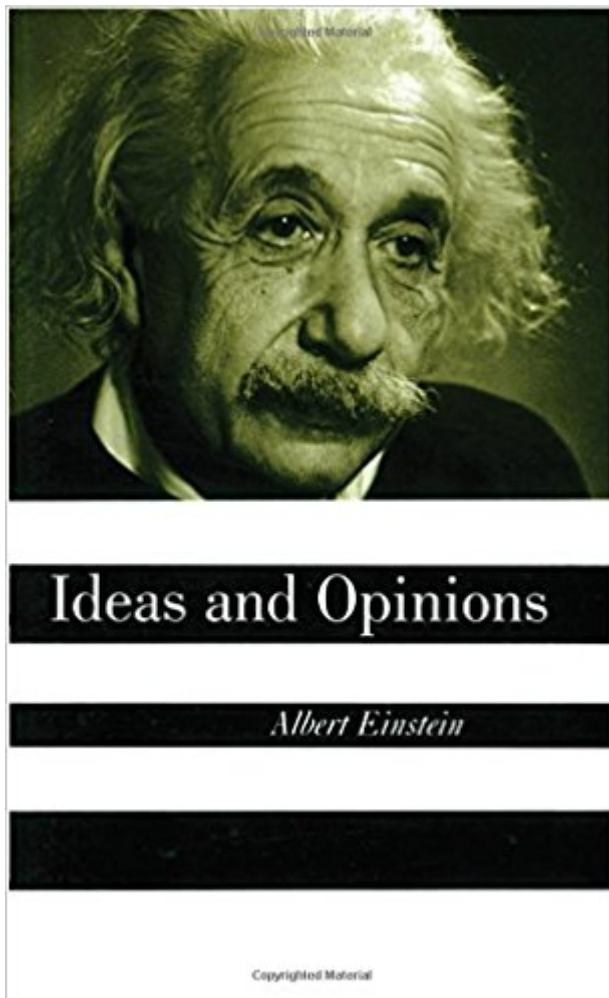


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The ideas and opinions cover a very wide range of topics. Einstein comes across not only as an intellectual but also as a humanist and idealist. He lavishes the highest praises on Newton and Gandhi.

I bought this for my father who has shown interest in Einstein's theories. He says he has been enjoying the read because the collection of essays are rather short so he can take a break between the heavy words. He also says the philosophy section, without having a philosophy background, is

very challenging even as it is enjoyable to read.

By that I don't mean it in a bad way. His way of looking at life is definitely peculiar. But very interesting. Some of his writings I wasn't particularly interested in but it made for an interesting read when it comes to the rest of the book. I really liked his answer to the question "what is the meaning of life?" "To know an answer to this question means to be religious.... The man who regards his own life and that of his fellow creatures as meaningless is not merely unhappy but hardly fit for life." Way to go buddy. I like you.

A delightful look into the mind of one of our times most profound geniuses. Shows a side of Einstein few knew about. A very insightful and compassionate man. The theory and equation explanations are surprisingly easy to follow as well. I definitely recommend this book.

I prefer non-fiction books to fiction and it was eye-opening to read the opinions from one of the greatest minds of the last century on topics that were not related to his area of expertise (theoretical physics, AKA the original Sheldon Cooper). I recommend everyone put this book on their reading bucket list. This is one of those books that took a while to read because every sentence was read multiple times and then pondered over for a few seconds/minutes until moving to the next idea. Einstein had an amazing ability to cut past the BS and apply plain logic to whatever issue he was addressing. He was a genius in all aspects of life and more people should try to achieve the intellectual freedom he had. His writings have definitely re-opened that inquisitive, knowledge-yearning part of my brain that has been dormant for a few years. Some of the sentence structure was hard to read, I found myself reading and re-reading the passages in the first 30 pages until my brain got used to Einstein's writing rhythm. It's either a language barrier, since English was not Einstein's first language (I think), or his grammar and sentence structure is so perfect that his writing looks weird to a 21st century reader. The YOLO generation might experience a brain bleed from Einstein's esoteric writing.

This is a collection of letters, speeches, and ideas from Einstein. Through these compassionate writings you get to form an abides about what kind of a man he was, and his true thoughts on social subjects. He discusses his role in the atom bomb, and surprised me with a self-deprecating sense of humor on a response to a protest. I loved this book, it gave me insight on his character that can't be portrayed from anyone else.

Although the organization is mediocre at times, the writings are beautiful and bite sized: just enough for a quick drink of contemplation. Good to keep on the night stand or the toilet.

This is excellent and I think it cost very little for the Kindle app. This man had a very beautiful way of expressing himself and a wonderful philosophy. He's very easy to understand. Einstein does not need anyone to explain Einstein. He does that so a child can understand.

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