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are and what we should be some of the works used are familiar while others were once better known than they are now the approach to all of them is fresh and provocative demonstrating the value of such texts in showing the reader what to look for and how to talk about matters that have always engaged thoughtful human beings these imaginative yet disciplined discussions of important texts of ancient greek thought and of raphael s the school of athens should appeal to both the specialist and the general reader this is a reproduction of a book published before 1923 this book may have occasional imperfections such as missing or blurred pages poor pictures errant marks etc that were either part of the original artifact or were introduced by the scanning process we believe this work is culturally important and despite the imperfections have elected to bring it back into print as part of our continuing commitment to the preservation of printed works worldwide we appreciate your understanding of the imperfections in the preservation process and hope you enjoy this valuable book in this unique work some of today s greatest educators present concise accessible summaries of the great educators of the past covering a time span from 500 bc to the early twentieth century each essay gives key biographical information an outline of the individual s principal achievements and activities an assessment of their impact and influence a list of their major writings and suggested further reading together with fifty modern thinkers on education this book provides a unique reference guide for all students of education written simply and directly but without sacrificing intellectual depth this widely acclaimed text explores the preeminent theorists of western political thought from the pre socratics to the contemporary era the author provides an in depth analysis of a limited number of major thinkers which allows for a richly detailed examination of each philosopher in historical context western political thought second edition presents the fundamental terms ideas and dilemmas of western political philosophy in a straightforward easy to understand manner it organizes the theorists historically explains basic concepts in depth and draws out and analyzes the implications of various political theories moreover this cohesive volume employs an overarching theme examining each thinker in terms of the changing relationships of ethics and politics in western political philosophy presentation af 100 store tankere fortrinsvis filosooffer great thinkers in 60 minutes volume 1 comprises the five books already published as separate volumes plato in 60 minutes rousseau in 60 minutes smith in 60 minutes kant in 60 minutes and hegel in 60 minutes each short study sums up the key idea at the heart of each respective thinker and asks the question of what use is this key idea to us today but above all the philosophers get to speak for themselves their most important statements are prominently presented as direct quotations in speech balloons with appropriate graphics with exact indication of the source of each quote in the author s works this light hearted but nonetheless scholarly precise rendering of the ideas of each thinker makes it easy for the reader to acquaint him or herself with the great questions of our lives because every philosopher who has achieved global fame has posed the question of meaning what is it that holds at the most essential level the world together there have emerged here a range of very different answers in plato for example the idea of the good is that

to which we need to open our souls in rousseau it is rather only in our own original nature that we need to trust in adam smith it is in self interest which spurs on each individual and is finally transformed by an invisible hand into the common good in kant it is the application of reason which frees us and makes us capable of extraordinary moral actions and in hegel finally everything is held together by the dialectical self development of the world spirit which drives onward from epoch to epoch through the deeds of individuals and of nations until it has finally reached its great goal in other words the meaning of the world and thus of our own lives remains among philosophers a topic of great controversy one thing though is sure each of these five thinkers struck from his own perspective one brilliant spark out of that complex crystal that is the truth weaving together thought provoking debates stimulating ideas and illuminating insights from the world s great thinkers philosophy theories and great thinkers offers a rigorous yet thoroughly accessible survey of the history of western thought from plato to derrida and beyond from confucius and plato to karl marx and noam chomsky this ebook brings together more than 100 illustrated biographies of the world s great philosophers introduced with a stunning portrait of each featured philosopher each profile traces the ideas friendships loves and rivalries that inspired the world s greatest thinkers and influenced their work offering revealing insights into what drove them to question the meaning of life and come up with new ways of understanding the world and the history of ideas lavishly illustrated with photographs and paintings of philosophers their homes friends studies and their personal belongings together with pages from original manuscripts first editions and correspondence this ebook introduces the key ideas themes and working methods of each featured individual setting their ideas within a wider historical and cultural context charting the development of ideas across the centuries in both the east and west from ancient chinese philosophy to the work of contemporary thinkers philosophers provides a compelling glimpse into the personal lives loves and influences of the great philosophers as they probed into life s big ideas ethics the key thinkers surveys the history of western moral philosophy guiding students through the work and ideas of the field s most important figures from plato to macintyre with entries written by leading contemporary scholars the book covers the following thinkers plato aristotle the stoics thomas aquinas david hume immanuel kant g w f hegel karl marx j s mill friedrich nietzsche alasdair macintyre the book explores the contribution of each thinker in turn narrating how they have changed the shape of ethical theory as a whole the book also includes guides to the latest reading on each thinker the study covers different phases of the history of political thought in a detailed manner it examines skillfully the views and achievements of various political thinkers from plato to russell of 20th century the first chapter deals with ideas and accomplishments of plato in the second chapter the political thoughts of aristotle have been given in an exhaustive and elaborate way the following chapters throw light in detail on the thinking of many political thinkers like polybius cicero st aquinas dante marsiglio ockham machiavelli bodin grotius hoppes spinoza locke vico montesquieu voltaire hume rousseau kant burke paine bentham fichte hegel mill austin j s mill lenin stalin engels spencer green

bradley bosanquet wallas mcdougall bagehot h j laski and other philosophers the book gives special importance to the political thoughts of karl marx gandhiji and mao it is designed to meet the requirements of the students the common readers will also find the book quite interesting and comprehensible from philosophy s founding fathers like thales socrates or plato to great minds of the post modern era including sartre ayer and feyerabend this concise new guide presents 100 of the world s most influential thinkers arranged from the ancient world to the present day each philosopher s key ideas notable works and pronouncements are encapsulated in a series of succinct biographies accompanied by illustrations at a glance fact panels and thought provoking quotations a comprehensive introduction to the history of western political thought written by a line up of internationally renowned scholars from four continents this definitive collection provides an overview of the canon of great theorists from socrates and the sophists to contemporary thinkers such as habermas and foucault each contributor critically discusses the ideas and significance of each thinker and gives a summation of the best contemporary scholarship in the area this volume will become the major resource for all students of political thought over the next generation what better introduction to the world of philosophy than through the lives of its most prominent citizens in the philosophers we are introduced to twenty eight of the greatest thinkers in western civilization ranging from aristotle and plato to wittgenstein heidegger and sartre an illustrious team of scholars takes us on a concise and illuminating tour of some of the most brilliant minds and enduring ideas in history here is aristotle s nichomachean ethics plato s cave of shadows schopenhauer s vision of reality as blind striving will hegel s idea of the world spirit bentham s principle of the greatest happiness mill s contributions to our understanding of liberty william james s theory of the stream of consciousness husserl s phenomenology and much more readers will find thoughtful discussions of everything from kant s categorical imperative to the christian philosophies of augustine aquinas and kierkegaard to the materialism of hobbes or marx to the modern and quite different philosophical systems of bertrand russell jean paul sartre and ludwig wittgenstein each article is illustrated with a portrait of the philosopher the contributors provide lists for further reading and the volume includes a chronological table that gives valuable historical context here then is an authoritative and engaging guide to the ideas of the most notable philosophers ranging from antiquity to the present day the philosophers shows how these great thinkers wrestled with the central problems of the human condition with important questions of free will morality and the limits of logic and reason as it illuminates their legacy for our time i think therefore i am influential leading philosophers conduct a rational investigation of truth to arrive at a set of principles that others believe and adopt this compendium of the world s greatest thinkers includes the likes of confucius aristotle immanuel kant hannah arendt and rené descartes the issue of coming into being in greek philosophy is investigated mostly by specialists in language analysis and philological science plato versus parmenides robert j roecklein brings to the fore plato s refutation of parmenides argument in his famous dialogue by that name roecklein offers an unprecedented

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