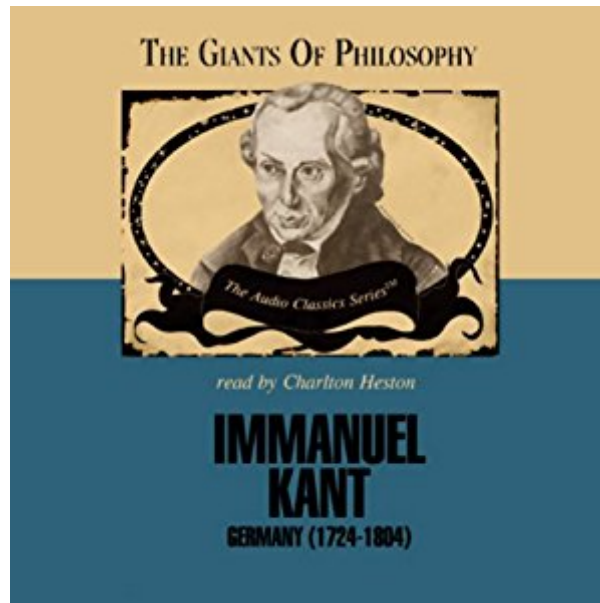




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

This is well done and was very clarifying about what Kant was up to. With the purchase of this tape, I have the entire Giants of Philosophy series and I am very impressed.

The way I look at these tapes as the best way of reading philosophy while you are driving. Please keep your eyes on the road while you are driving. These series are great. I believe they are not intended to be comprehensive and they could not be in two hours but they give you 60% biography, 40% philosophy. Some of them even have accent as they thought they were immigrants from original countries to US, Kant speaks with German/English accent. It is fun, entertaining, illuminating. Much better than talk shows. Please this is not a substitute for a real book so judge accordingly.

This is an excellent way to begin an exploration of the ideas of Thomas Aquinas (Unlike most of the

other reviews, I'm actually writing about Aquinas!). The information is mostly biographical, but I believe this should be the first step in studying any great thinker. If all you want is to know who Aquinas was, then this program is enough. If you want to know about his theology, let this be the starting point.

This 3 hour cassette program will give the listener a very basic biography and introduction to St. Augustine of Hippo. Beginning with his life as a young man and taking us through his death, the set (narrated by Charlton Heston) interweaves the development of Augustinian philosophy and theology with his life to show, with some effectiveness, the impacts of one on the other. I will agree with other reviewers that the narration by Heston is excellent, while the accented St. Augustine has the potential to make you laugh out loud. Additionally, this wasn't riveting in content, but does give enough of a taste to be worthwhile listening to during your commute.

If you are looking for a thoughtful and honest summary of the more important aspects of Aquinas' contribution to the history of philosophy, this is the best audio book I have yet found. Unlike the glib and grossly naive attempts at dealing with Aquinas such as Strathern's cheesy "Aquinas in 90 Minutes", this is actually written by a scholar devoted to understanding Aquinas. The treatment of his "five proofs for the existence of God" is precise and accurate. In fact, if you listen closely to them it will save you from thinking that the flaccid objections of people like Bertrand Russell had anything to do with what Aquinas was communicating in these proofs. Of course, if you are looking for Aquinas' theology, it is not here addressed. But then again, the title of the series is not "Giants of Theology." Overall, this is the best bang for your buck in Aquinas on audio.

This brief introduction to Hume is exceptional. I went from this tape to Hume's "An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding" and "An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals". I don't think it would have been such an easy transition without learning how Hume fits into Western philosophical history and what problems concerned him. It startled me to discover that Hume's major point is that inductive thinking (thinking about "matters of fact") is irrational: forming general laws about the world has its basis in custom and experience and not by the sort of reasoning used in math and logic ("relations of ideas" in Hume's lexicon). Hume's political, historical, and ethical ideas are also interesting and I was surprised to learn how much Hume's ideas on the separation of powers in government had influenced James Madison.

One of the greatest philosophers in history and owning this cd is like having an interview with the man himself on his life, beliefs, works, and impact on history.

This is a very good overview of Kant's thought that can be listened to while driving. Does not cover epistemology well.

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