

Synopsis

Aristotle first used the term "ethics" to name a field of study developed by his predecessors Socrates and Plato. Philosophical ethics is the attempt to offer a rational response to the question of how humans should best live. Aristotle regarded ethics and politics as two related but separate fields of study, since ethics examines the good of the individual, while politics examines the good of the city-state (Greek polis).

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Customer Reviews

If you are a student of philosophy (officially or self-study) this is a must read. The founders of America read and studied these.

Great book, wonderful classic, formatted well for the Kindle. No misspellings or punctuation errors, and highly enjoyable read. The read aloud function works great!

History is a great educator, and Aristotle's Ethics should be required reading for every ninth grader.

It should set the bar for an individual's moral character. There is nothing wrong in re-reading in later life to see how you see your worth.

With classic texts such as this, a great deal depends on the translation, introduction, and other notes provided. This is not an especially well-respected translation, nor is it informed by recent historical scholarship. This otherwise free e-text is offered cheap here only because out of copyright (1937). So reader beware.

When I was a young kid, I found it annoying that people would pick and choose what rules to follow. For a long time, I thought I was a weirdo for using so much inner compass until I read this in high school. Whether you are trying to better yourself as a person, trying to find the right path in your life, you cannot go wrong with Aristotle and his ever relevant teachings. May your compass always point to the good north and your whiskey never watered down.

The book is good but I'd look for a different translation. This translation starts with a grammar errors, error that persist through the entire book. Obviously this is a hard book to read, but the translation makes it much, much, worse.

I wouldn't recommend this for people looking for light reading, but if you like to be challenged and drawn in as you read, then this is the perfect thinking book.

This guy died in 322 BC. (Before Christ) So that means this book is OLDER than the bible, (well, before all the edited versions anyway) and it's FAR more accurate and ethical than all the bibles on earth can ever give you. This book spoke out to me in large volumes. It's was kinda creepy, like it he knew my whole life. It was kinda like that movie called, A never ending story. Where a kid reads an old book in an attic somewhere, and as he gets further into it, the book is talking about him. I was half expecting for this book to call me by name. Like in one paragraph, Aristotle said that it's best to cutout all the people in your life that are making you feel bad. I did that very thing to the ones that always treated me like pure trash all my life, months before I read this fine book. And for someone that's been dead for ages now, and for someone with a fine mind as someone like Aristotle, I know I'm doing the right thing. Don't forgive thy neighbor, if thy neighbor is mistreating you. He goes on about 3 ways to improve yourself. 1 Self-awareness. To be aware of your flaws. 2 Self-discipline. To control one's self from natural urges (like anger). 3 Self-mastery. Successfully controlled one's own

urges over a period of time. Once these 3 have been achieved, you've figured out the secret to life. So in conclusion, this book should be in every church, and every preacher should quote a verse from it for an hour every Sunday.

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