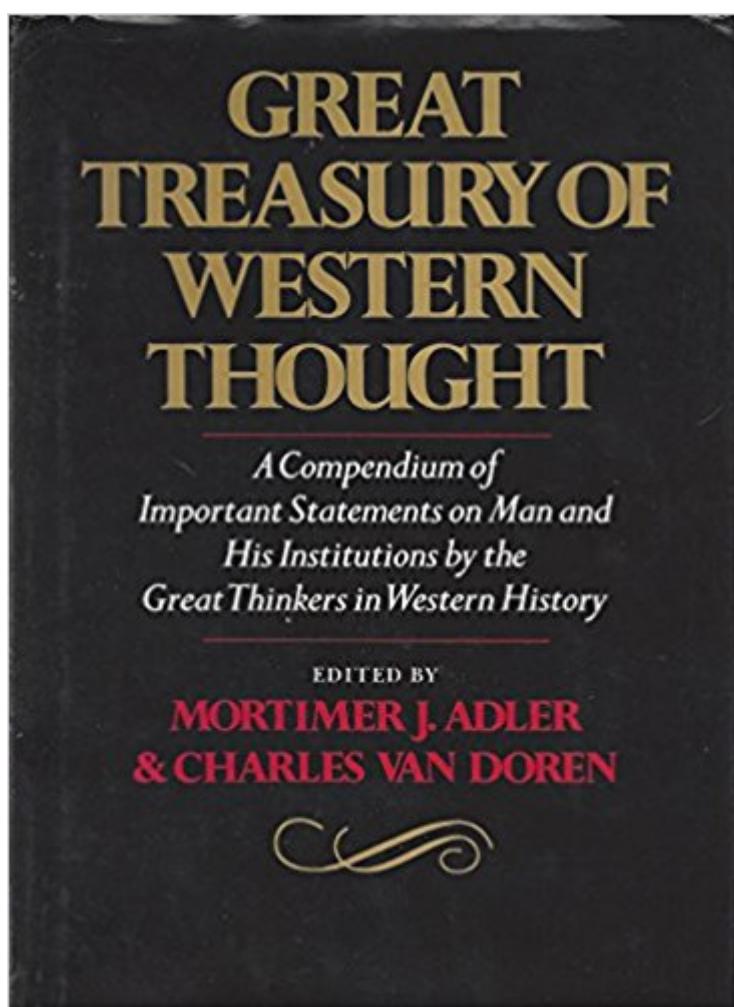


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# Great Treasury Of Western Thought: A Compendium Of Important Statements And Comments On Man And His Institutions By Great Thinkers In Western History





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Treasury is definitely an appropriate word to describe this. A wonderful collection of awesome

thought...

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The Best

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Great book for those who have to make a speech.

Some things I like about this work:- It's big and captures so much of the meat of the Western canon in the form of accessible, indexed snippets.- A person's life is only so long and it does seem that the editors of this book did a great service to mankind by making these works more accessible to the lay, busy reader.- It tells you the works that these quotes come from so you can seek out the originals for yourself (which you will probably want to).Some things to take note of about this work:- It's big. And not just physically, the content itself is heavy-reading. The first time I opened it I was able to digest only maybe a few quotes and then I started to get a headache and had to go on a ruminative walk. (Well what did you expect?) However, this is 1) a good thing - this is a work for the philosopher after all - and 2) a much less overwhelming task for me than what the editors had laid out for them in creating this book. (That's not to say it isn't accessible; it is. Just it will give your mind a workout.)- That being said, for me this is a book to dip into time and time again. Good for your research and enlightenment but so chock-full of knowledge that you really shouldn't expect it to read like a dime-store paperback.- Another thing: I know this is a book about the Western canon. But if you're using this as a go-to book for advice, wisdom, etc. (and it's one of the more ambitious books of this flavor that I've encountered), there's just one thing I have to say. The canon ain't over yet!You don't and shouldn't stop with this book. Feel free to compliment it with whatever other compendiums you like and your own accrued wisdom. I know I'm going to start putting little stickies on the index topics inthe back whenever I feel I've got something to add.(Here's one: "No one has a monopoly on truth." - Author unknown)I think this is essentially what the creators of this book had in mind. After all it is called the Great CONVERSATION.Lucky for me this book has no shortage of great minds in it for me to encounter and engage with.Also recommended: The Home Book of

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