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Gr 9 Up—This basic overview of philosophy will draw readers in with its dynamic design, starting with the eye-catching cover, which includes quotes such as René Descartes's famous "I think, therefore I am" to pique interest. The book starts with a brief introduction and a chart that answers the question "What Do Philosophers Do?" Weeks organizes the material thematically by the branch of philosophy being highlighted ("What Is Reasoning?," "What Is the Mind?"), making the text ideal for browsing. Each section uses different font sizes, graphics and images, sidebars, and inset text boxes, enabling the author to convey a great deal of information without overwhelming readers. Weeks also integrates biographical sketches of selected male and female philosophers (Socrates, Ludwig Wittgenstein, and Hannah Arendt) with intriguing facts about each figure and their personal struggles, which makes the subject much more engaging for students. The text becomes repetitive at times, particularly in the first two chapters. However, Weeks maintains interest overall. A directory of famous philosophers is included, but there is no bibliography. A solid introduction to the subject.—Hilary Writt, Sullivan University, Lexington, KYp

Review

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