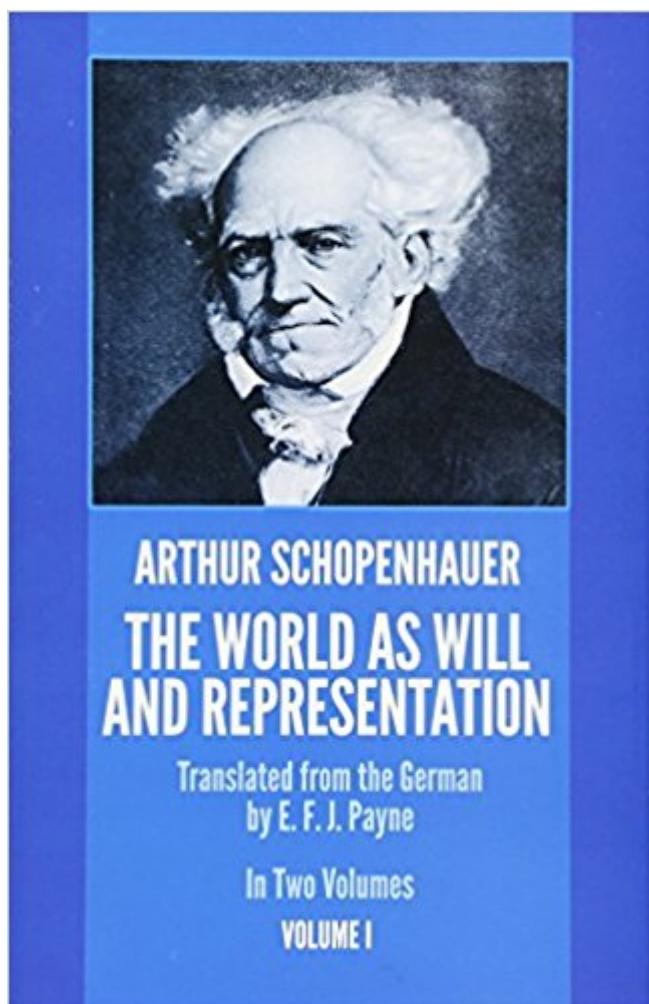


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Schopenhauer is definitely the greatest philosopher ever lived. This book is his only masterpiece. Building on Kant's thing-in-itself Schopenhauer created the concept of the "Will". All of Schopenhauer philosophy revolve on a single idea which is the "Will" getting aquainted of itself in all its objectification. "The World as Will and representation Volume I" contains the main body of his philosophy. Vol. II and all the rest of his books is just an illumination and expantion of the concept of the Will outlined in Vol I. As a prerequisit he demands that his reader must be familiar with his introductory book "The fourfold root of the principle of sufficient reason" that explains how our intellect works, percieve and makes a mental pictures (representation). Because he is building on Kant's philosophy he also demands from the reader to be familiar of his critisism of it. Schopenhauer considers Kant to be the greatest philosopher before him for his philosophy about metaphysics, thing-in-itself and the combination between the will's necessity and freedom that never been established before. Idealism is the basis of Schopenhauer's philosophy that is why it is difficult to understand from the first reading. His book must be red at least twice and by reading his other books which is variation on the same theme, his philosophy gets clearer. The philosophy of Schopenhauer deals with metaphisics therfore could not be complete. I recommend a good book that tries to complete Schopenhauer's work. The Will's Harmonic Motion: The Completion of Schopenhauer's Philosophy. The reader will find in it a fresh look at Schopenhauer great philosophy and takes the concept of the will to its limit and conclusion.

Wonderful work by a cranky genius who set the course of 19th century philosophy. Good translation. Helpful notes to text.

I read the first paragraph and had to put the book down for a week to think about it before I went on. Schopenhauer's theory is existentialist fodder for a lifetime. An abstract thinker's bible. The intensity of this work may prove to be contemplation for an eternity. Without going into my personal interpretation -- because I believe we all see things from a different perspective - one thing I can say

is that The World as Will and Representation will start some cranial fireworks!

I'm still working at reading this book. I think Arthur Schopenhauer was a genius. I admit to having some difficulty in reading his book. He seems to write in a way that is not only different to me but at times arcane in a sense. I like a challenge and this book delivers that for me in my attempt to understand what is being conveyed.

Is the search for meaning in life meritless or not? Can't believe I have to wait until the sequel comes out to find out!

This too is a book my grandson requested for his personal library. It's too deep for me, but being a philosophy major I'm sure he will understand it.

Wow. This book is good, but it's hard to understand unless you have read Kant.

Arthur Schopenhauer is a genius that transcends space and time. This book requires attention and I just re-read entire chapters three for times and each time I discover another layer. It is illuminating and it is a must read for those who love philosophy!

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