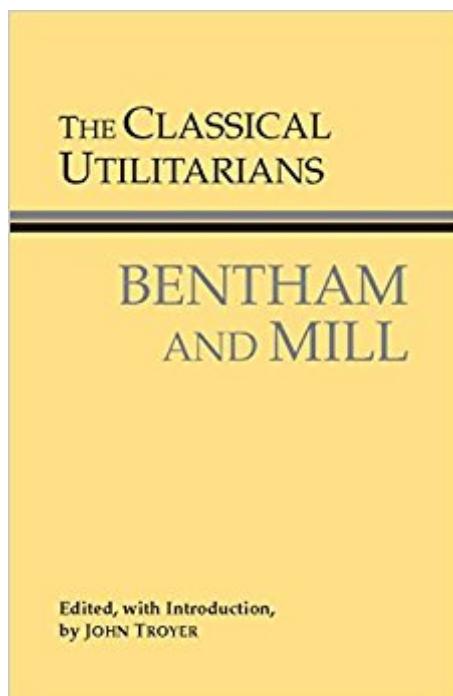


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Great book but I didnt use it as the class that said it required it I found the info online

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Very nice! Exactly as described!

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I got the kindle version for class and it was very frustrating to know that this book does not contain page numbers. It's very hard to follow in class when the instructor points you to a certain page and you can't follow. Some books on the kindle has the pagination function these days, but this specific one doesn't. So to the students out there, be wary of that.

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