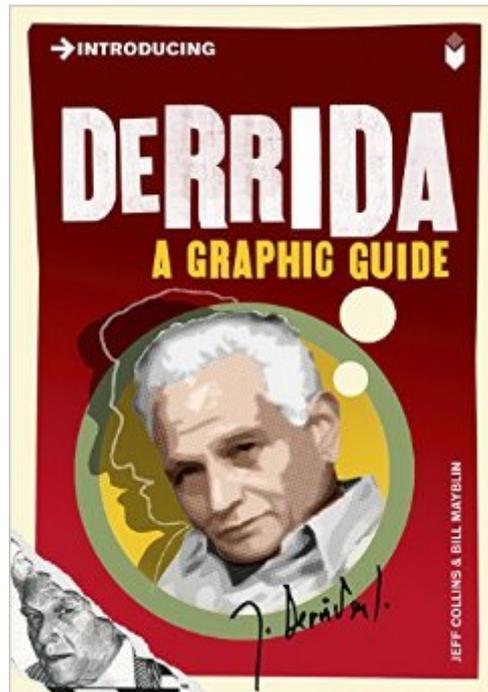# Introducing Derrida: A Graphic Guide (Introducing...)

Synopsis

Brilliant illustrated guide to the best-known and most controversial continental philosopher of the latter 20th century. Jacques Derrida is the most famous philosopher of the late 20th century. Yet Derrida has undermined the rules of philosophy, rejected its methods, broken its procedures and contaminated it with literary styles of writing. Derrida's philosophy is a puzzling array of oblique, deviant and yet rigorous tactics for destabilizing texts, meanings and identities. 'Deconstruction', as these strategies have been called, is reviled and celebrated in equal measure. Introducing Derrida introduces and explains his work, taking us on an intellectual adventure that disturbs some of our most comfortable habits of thought.

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Customer Reviews

I've read upwards of maybe fifteen of these books (maybe more). This was my second, and still ranks as one of my favorites. At a certain level anything Derrida says is difficult, the issue of his intent regarding that difficulty can be debated (though I suspect it was intentionally obscure), the issue of why can be further debated (here, I will remain silent).This book though is wholly different

from others in the series, save for perhaps the Zizek book, in one unique and very important way. Derrida, if you don't know, was a real jerk to anyone whoever tried to define deconstruction, or speak about his theories. He quite often claimed people mischaracterized his work, and rarely let someone slip by without nipping back. When I got to the end of this particular book though I found an interesting bit of text thanking among other people Jacques Derrida himself.Given the context it was intriguing, but vague. I contacted the published, and after a day or two they got back to me. They said that the author had contacted Derrida twice in the process. Once at the beginning to ask some questions, and once when the projected was completed, to see what he thought. He reportedly loved it.

Hard to do for an Introducing philosophy guide, but this guide is a great intro to uderstandig the thinker and his major works and trajectory.

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