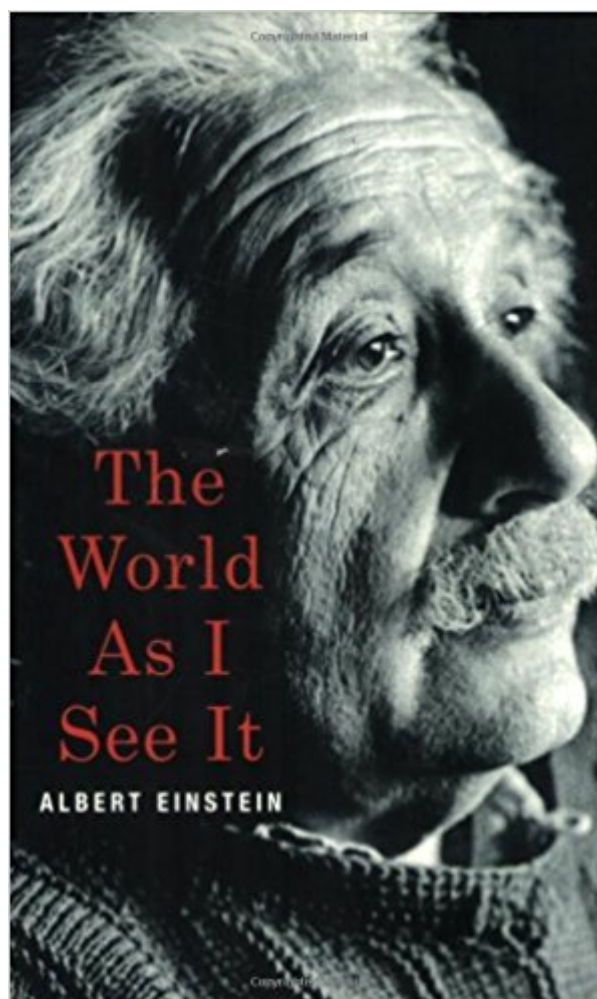


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The World As I See It



Synopsis

Einstein believed in humanity, in a peaceful world of mutual helpfulness, and in the high mission of science. Intended as a plea for these beliefs, this book, like no other provides a complete key to the understanding of this distinguished man's personality.

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Readers should be aware that this edition of "The World As I See It" is, in fact, an abridged version of the original publication. Without bothering to mention this on the title page, it has dropped the entire fifth section on "Scientific Questions," including such classic popular expositions of Einstein's basic philosophy as "Geometry and Experience" and "Principles of Research." Editing a book of Einstein's writings which deliberately excludes all mention of science is like publishing a biography of Mozart - without any reference to music. It is, I think, significant of the dumbing down of American publishing that the German edition of the same book ("Mein Weltbild," published by Ullman) has continuously added new material on politics, fascism, Judaism, peace and science over the years! Readers who want to know what Einstein was really like should obtain a used copy of the original full version.

+++++This book (first published in 1934) contains brief writings of physicist Albert Einstein (1879 to 1955), one of the most creative intellects of the twentieth century. It contains articles (speeches, letters, statements, etc.) from early in his career. This book gives a personal portrait of the man behind the scientific legend. The book itself is divided into four parts: (1) The world as I see it (about

30 articles). This is my favorite part. (2) Politics and pacifism (almost 20 articles). Einstein was a pacifist (one who opposes the use of force under any circumstances). (3) Germany (3 articles). Einstein was born in Ulm, Wurttemberg, Germany. (He later emigrated to the United States in late 1932.) (4) The Jews (just over 10 articles). Einstein was Jewish. Finally, if this book is so good, then why did I give it the rating I did? Two reasons. First, there is a much more comprehensive book that also has gathered Einstein's writings. It is called "Ideas and Opinions" (first published in 1954 and sold by). It contains almost all the articles (it excludes seven) contained in "The World as I See It." As well, it contains selected articles from other publications (most notably the books "Out of my Later Years" and "Mein Weltbild.") As well, the book "Ideas and Opinions" has a fifth part called 'Contributions to Science' (which contains almost 20 articles). Here, Einstein discusses topics such as relativity, theoretical physics, science, and gravitation. He even gives tributes to such people as Isaac Newton and Copernicus. Second, this book's price. It costs \$9.20 and you get 65 articles. But the hardcopy version of "Ideas and Opinions" costs about \$6.00 and you get 120 articles (almost double the amount)!! (Note that all prices quoted are as of May 2006.) In conclusion, instead of this book, I recommend the more comprehensive and cheaper book called "Ideas and Opinions." In my opinion, this recommended book is the definitive collection of Albert Einstein's popular writings!!!+++++

The content is good, but I don't recommend you buy it. This book has been released in the public domain so you can download it for free. In addition, as mentioned in other people's comments, you may want to consider "Ideas and Opinions", which is a much more comprehensive collection.

Albert Einstein will always be remembered as one of the great minds of our time. But not too many people think of him as a great societal thinker as well. Albert delves into many touchy subjects in this book (having grown up during the most devastating era mankind has ever known). The one downside to this book is that there are a few (only a few) passages where you really don't know who he is talking to, and little reference is given on these to help you, the reader, figure them out. I was thoroughly impressed that this genius, mental marvel of the 20th century could convey his message so clearly in most of the essays and writings. He talks about religion, minorities, war, and other issues facing humanity today that are highly debated in all circles. A good buy, a great mind.

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