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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Give me the "old intellectual" any dayVon Scott Ryan (sandgryan@worldnet.att.net)In order to focus properly on the content of this work, I must begin with a contrast."Blanshard's personal demeanour," concludes the *Oxford Companion to Philosophy* entry on Brand Blanshard, "was one of extraordinary graciousness." As far as I have been able to determine, Prof. Peter H. Hare's entry on Blanshard is the *only* one to comment on the personal manner of a philosopher. And with good cause; Blanshard's seamless unity of style and substance in the service of reason was all but unique in intellectual history.Even Ayn Rand's most die-hard followers were not able to eulogize her in this way, and this book unfortunately demonstrates why. The self-proclaimed paragon of reason here adopts a bitter, badgering, hectoring tone; "illustrates" the history of philosophy with cartoonlike stereotypes ("Attila and the Witch Doctor"); dismisses entire schools of philosophy in summary fashion; and follows her opening agitprop essay with long excerpts from the most "speechifying" portions of her overblown, melodramatic meganovels. The upshot: she vastly overstates her own minuscule role in the history of philosophy at the expense of everyone else, including her own unacknowledged sources (e.g. Nietzsche).Even Aristotle comes in a distant second to this intellectual diva -- who, stunningly, arrived at her unspeakably irresponsible views of Immanuel Kant without ever so much as cracking open one of his works.Blanshard, who was *genuinely* intellectual, could never have written a book like this. His own careful and thorough expositions of philosophical history display real sympathy and generosity toward opposing positions; never once does he lapse into stereotype or name-calling; and his own views are developed and presented with the utmost urbanity and grace.Rand claimed to be an admirer of Blanshard's philosophical works. If so, it doesn't show here; for all that she may have admired what Blanshard called the "rational temper," she displays precious little of it herself.Objectivism -- which, for all that I have said here, does contain some good ideas -- is better introduced elsewhere. Try *Philosophy: Who Needs It* instead; it isn't perfect either, but it's a lot better than this pile of prephilosophical polemic.Better yet, read Blanshard before you ever go anywhere near Rand. As even she herself must have dimly recognized, he exemplifies her avowed ideals far better than she ever did.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I Like What I SeeVon Ein KundeI look at the reviews posted here and I like what I see. I enjoy them all immensely. Ayn Rand, long dead now, would have (probably) smiled knowingly at them, too.If you will browse around other books--even "heavy," controversial ones--you'll see reviews that end mostly in the middle: 3 or four stars ratings is usual, and the reviews go "I liked this book"--"I didn't really like the book..."The word LIKE does not appear in a review on an Ayn Rand book. Nobody hardly ever gives her an average grade. People either love her-- or hate her guts. And that means that this poor Russian immigrant girl with her clever smile reaches each and every one of us and touches something within us--something most of us never knew about. And for some of us, that something is a beginning of a new life. For others, it means that they were exposed to things they wanted to keep down there below, and worked hard all their lives to strangle and avoid. And these people have no choice but to hate Rand, or hate themselves. That's good also: it means that she touched them, too.The guy I'm reading now makes a comparison between Objectivists (those who follow Ayn Rand's philosophical heritage) and the Nazis. He calls the Author "mentally ill."That's just great!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A manifesto against nihilism and wake up call for the brain.Von Ein KundeLet it be known that *For The New Intellectual* is a book dense with psychological insights and eye opening rational objectivism. This reader was awed by Ayn Rand's crisp writing, and cutting wit. Liberals will be immediately offended, but for those without philosophical bias, Rand is difficult to dismiss. The book includes the essay, "For the New Intellectual" as well as excerpts from *We the Living*, *Anthem*, *The Fountainhead*, and many speeches from *Atlas Shrugged*. The beginning essay is more than worth the price of admission, while the excerpts gave this first time Rand reader a good sense of where to turn next. Ayn Rand's philosophy is truly life affirming and hard with truth. Truth hurts sometimes, and Rand is not easy answers for idle minds. Rather, her philosophy dares to look starkly at where man's moral code has come and where it has led us. Ayn Rand separates herself from all other thinkers that I've experienced because of her perspective as a 20th Century American. While many of her ideas find their root in Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophy, she stands alone-- offering a positive solution for mankind. She absolutely asserts that man is the end in himself, and that his happiness on earth is his proper goal. *For the New Intellectual* is both a slap in the face and fire in one's pants. Some will answer Ayn Rand's call for a new moral code and meaning to life, and as she says of the others, "leave them to heaven."

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