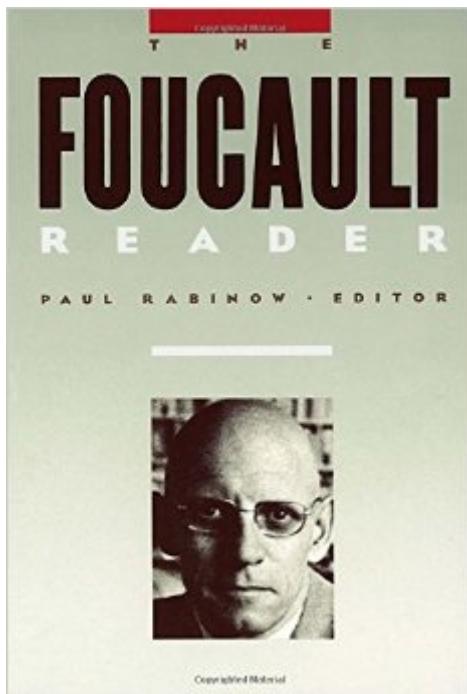


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# The Foucault Reader



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I needed to use portions of this book for references in writing a thesis on ethics. The book itself is confusing if you're not familiar with Foucault, otherwise, it's a great reference. The shipping was on time and the text was new as described.

Foucault is an incredible thinker and foundational to many areas of study. This reader contains texts that you could easily find elsewhere, but serves as a good "best of" kind of album. If you are looking for a broad introduction to his ideas this is as good a place as any to start, particularly for undergraduates or casual readers.

It's a great book, with a stellar introduction by Paul Rabinow. I may disagree with Focault's philosophy, but he has my respect and he is never not interesting.

Excellent book to help understand Foucault

Essential book for historians,

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