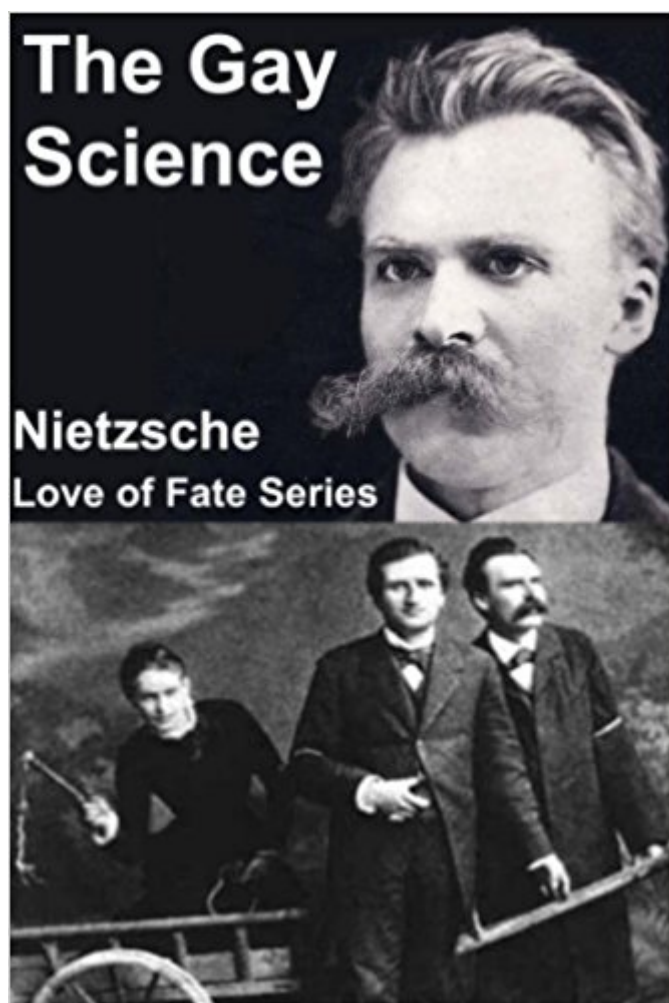


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The Gay Science (A Modernized Translation With A New Introduction And Biography)



Synopsis

Although this edition of "The Gay Science" is based on Thomas Common's 1910 translation, the text has been modernized. Words such as "fain, hitherto, thee, wouldst, therefrom, nigh, ye and forsooth", have been replaced with present-day English equivalents. Unique Features of this Special Kindle Edition: An Original Essay on Nietzsche's Fundamental Idea of Eternal Recurrence A New Introduction to Nietzsche's Life and Writings by the Editor An New Extensive Timeline Biography A Section with Nietzsche's Comments on Each of his Books. Selected Excerpts from His Other Works "The Gay Science" is also included in the Kindle Book "Nietzsche's Best 8 Books" (with only a slightly higher price), which contains the unabridged texts of: 1. The Gay Science 2. Ecce Homo 3. Thus Spoke Zarathustra 4. The Dawn 5. Twilight of the Idols 6. The Antichrist 7. Beyond Good and Evil 8. On the Genealogy of Morals "Nietzsche's Best 8 Books" is a searchable ebook and allows following the many themes and subjects that Nietzsche came back to throughout his books. From the Introduction by the Editor: "University philosophers, especially from America and England, have always been bewildered and irritated by Nietzsche. He doesn't fit anywhere. His influence has been outside university culture - among artists, dancers, poets, writers, novelists, psychologists, playwrights. Some of the most famous who publicly acknowledged being strongly influenced by Nietzsche were Picasso, Isadora Duncan, Martha Graham, William Butler Yeats, Rainer Rilke, Allen Ginsberg, Khalil Gibran, Martin Buber, H.L. Mencken, Emma Goldman, Jacques Derrida, Michel Foucault, Thomas Mann, Hermann Hesse, Jack London, Franz Kafka, Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, Sigmund Freud, Carl Jung, Karl Jaspers, Alfred Adler, Fritz Perls, Eugene O'Neill and George Bernard Shaw. . . . Explore Nietzsche yourself. He mostly wrote directly and clearly, without scholarly jargon. See if he brings out the artist or psychologist or dancer in you."

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Kaufmann's translation is the best I have found so far. He does a great justice to Nietzsche's poetry and style. Kaufmann saved Nietzsche from being misinterpreted and provided us with a fair amount of material which otherwise would have been impossible to digest or even access because Freddie is not the type of author who can be cited easily. I love and read all of Freddie's work, but TGS is his summum bonum. It takes several re-reads to be able to grasp it, so if you are looking to get up and close with philosophy, this is it!!

The gay science isn't for everyone, but for those who are interested in the mind of Nietzsche he offers a personal and insightful range of ideas and thoughts. You can see Nietzsche's beliefs in an entertaining and occasionally comedic way.

Nietzsche is a great writer and this book exemplifies this fact. It is poetic and riddled with symbology that enables the reader to travel down a psycho-analytic examination of Nietzsche's philosophical views on all aspects of life.

Phenomenal work by Kaufmann on Nietzsche's work

Good deal. I am glad I got this version instead of the other. This was cheaper and no real difference other than external look.

Nietzschean Thought, Used in a large research project. Gave me a different way of viewing ideas and thought. One of the best Philosophers

The best first and/or last step into Friedrich Nietzsche's thought. It reads quickly and gives a fair cross-section of his writings chronologically: just before TSZ, right after his "free spirit" epoch, and Bk. V from around the time of Beyond Good & Evil. Only a shame that a Hollingdale translation is not available in English. And now some buffoonery from yours truly.

Down Going Limerick
 Zarathustra is now down going
 And so he speaks in rhyme:
 The madman said, "God is dead.
 Where is he? Is it we who killed a lie?"
 Now I Exhort You to Love What is Most Distant,
 to Dionysus Against the Crucified.
 Burn Your Ships and move to Inland Deserts Onward--
 To the Great Noontide,
 For The Twilight of the Idols Approaches, And The Overman's Time is Well Nigh.
 At Last Behold the Higher Man-- Whom With Hammer Doth Philosophize:
 "You yourself are this Will to Power,
 and nothing else besides!"
 Now Completely Drunk With Laughter,
 And Unafraid to Die
 The Higher Man Declares: Amor Fati!
 Finally Dionysus Will Fly!
 Thus Spoke Zarathustra in His Down Going
 Of the Innocence of Becoming from on High.
 "Together, Apollo and Dionysus unite
 Against the Crucified."
 Thus Spoke Zarathustra
 The Sorcerer unpursed his lips
 laying his flute beside him, and sighed.

I did like this book but i didn't really find that he was presenting arguments , it was more a compilation of personal thoughts. I found the reading pretty easy. I did enjoy reading it and i recommend it for "To read for pleasure".

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