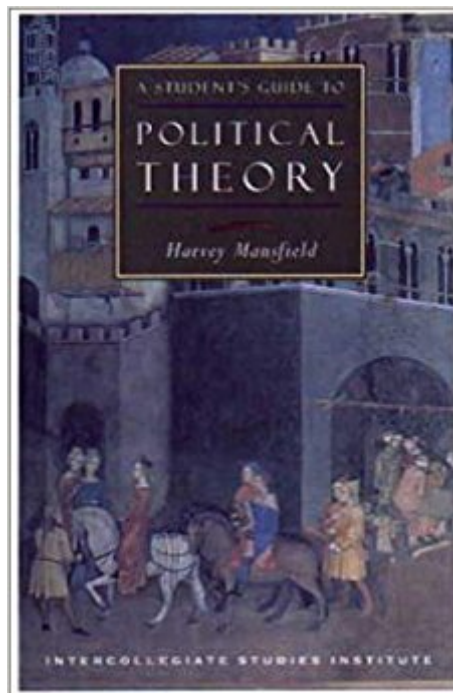




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"Perhaps these guides should be required reading for professors to rescue them from the narrowing clutches of research agendas, professional development, and what goes by the name of scholarship."

This book was a great help for me as it made me excited to read more! The appendix in the back is great if you want to do any independent readings. It can be hard to pick a good translation or edition. Most of all, it was helpful to have the partisan theme applied vaguely to a large selection of profound theorists. Most government/theory classes today are highly politicized, so it helps me find

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Well written, concise, and thoughtful overview of Western political philosophy in the context of nature v. history. Mansfield's urging the reader to study the original texts listed in the bibliography rather than discussions by academic professors is much appreciated.

This is a good place to start for learning basic differences in political philosophies. It's easy to read. Makes a good quick reference book for later too. Recommend for those wanting the most basic overview of the subject.

Succinct, but still intelligent and dense. I really liked Mansfield's interpretation of the texts. It prepared me to read the actual authors with more thoroughness.

This book is a very short summary of political philosophy. Perhaps it is wrong in assuming that a student would not be able to read about this subject in greater detail. After reading this, though, one will want to know more about political philosophy, why one can be both politically active and philosophical, and why politics is important to students, and not just leftist politics. Also, one wonders which political philosophy the author has, as he seems to comment wryly on both conservatism and liberalism with great acuity. A fine read, if somewhat incomplete.

The book is a brief chronological account of Western political thought interspersed with some of the author's thoughts. I was disappointed at first when I realized how short this book I had bought was because I was hoping for some meaty reading, but I realized that the main purpose of this book is to direct the reader to the actual texts. Mansfield gives a short list at the end of the book of the best translations.

Well, Harvey Mansfield is a great favorite so I had to - wanted to - but his book and i love to read "student guides" written for this level as I learn so much in a short time!

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