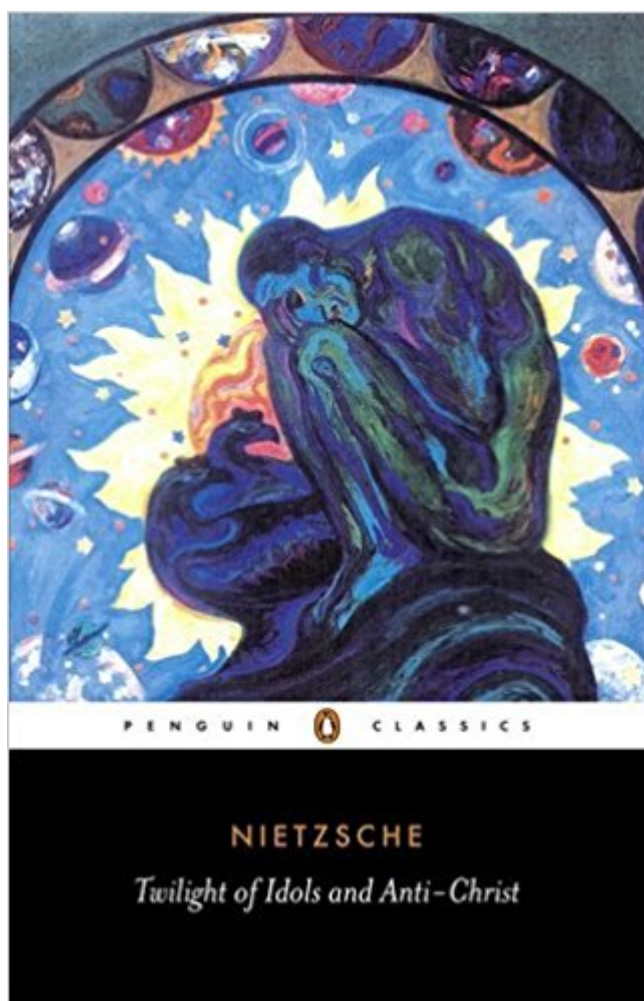


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# The Twilight Of The Idols And The Anti-Christ: Or How To Philosophize With A Hammer (Penguin Classics)



## Synopsis

'One must be superior to mankind in force, in loftiness of soul' - in contempt. In these two devastating works, Nietzsche offers a sustained and often vitriolic attack on the morality and the beliefs of his time, in particular those of Hegel, Kant and Schopenhauer. *Twilight of the Idols* is a grand declaration of war on reason, psychology and theology that combines highly charged personal attacks on his contemporaries with a lightning tour of his own philosophy. It also paves the way for *The Anti-Christ*, Nietzsche's final assault on institutional Christianity, in which he identifies himself with the Dionysian artist and confronts Christ; the only opponent he feels worthy of him. In his introduction Michael Tanner discussed the themes of Nietzsche's argument and places the works in their historical and philosophical context.

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## Customer Reviews

The philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche was born in Prussia in 1844. After the death of his father, a Lutheran minister, Nietzsche was raised from the age of five by his mother in a household of women. In 1869 he was appointed Professor of Classical Philology at the University of Basel, where he taught until 1879 when poor health forced him to retire. He never recovered from a nervous breakdown in 1889 and died eleven years later. Known for saying that "god is dead," Nietzsche propounded his metaphysical construct of the superiority of the disciplined individual (superman) living in the present over traditional values derived from Christianity and its emphasis on heavenly rewards. His ideas were appropriated by the Fascists, who turned his

theories into social realities that he had never intended. R. J. Hollingdale has translated eleven of Nietzsche's books and published two books about him. He has also translated works by, among others, Schopenhauer, Goethe, E. T. A. Hoffmann, Lichtenberg and Theodor Fontane, many of these for the Penguin Classics. He is Honorary President of the British Nietzsche Society, and was for the Australian academic year 1991 Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, Melbourne.

I got this book for a class and I'm very glad to have read this book. I found the philosophy very interesting and I don't even really like philosophy in general. Honestly, I would read this book again just because of how interesting I found it.

Very nice book and on time however it was in bad condition straight out the box I had to fix some things with a little paint and tape to make it look decent.

"Twilight" is the book I always recommend to first-time readers of Nietzsche: It is the most concise statement of his most important ideas. If you read only one book by Nietzsche, make it this one. Both Hollingdale's and Kaufmann's translations are readable and try to be as faithful to the original as possible in style and substance. If you were raised Christian or have been a Christian, "Antichrist" is quite important as an exposition of dangers in the philosophical underpinnings of Christianity (or "Paulism") as world view and praxis, beyond ordinary criticisms that usually focus on the hypocrisy of the Church, etc, which are ultimately less useful. A less important read for those who have never been Christians, especially as N deals in "Twilight" with the "undercover Christianity" (Kantianism, etc.) one is likely to encounter outside the church. By the way, a previous reviewer cautioned readers that these books were edited by Elisabeth, Nietzsche's sister-- that reviewer was mistaken. She edited only "The Will to Power," which despite her claims was not a book at all but a collection of unconnected notebook entries not intended for publication. Avoid that book until you've read all the rest. "Twilight" and "Antichrist" were written in the prolific year before N became ill and were certainly intended for publication.

Great read a great pick up!

To read Nietzsche now is to know he is coming to his place in the sun at last. He was over 100 years ahead of his time, always a terrible thing for a genius.

XTIANITY is the poison crippling the West

Book arrived in great shape. Haven't read most of it, seeing as it is just a reference book for one of my classes, but so far I am enjoying it!

This book was sooo interesting, I couldn't put it down. Despite being Christian or not, (I being in the latter category), it really shines new light on how you see the Christian faith, or any faith in general.

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