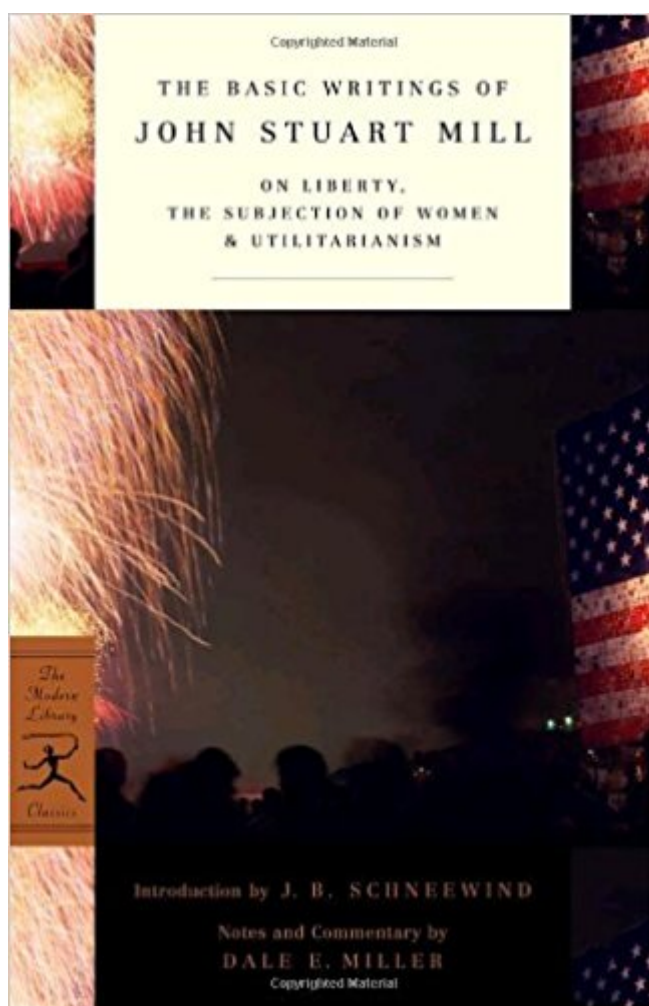


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Sidgwick's Ethics and Victorian Moral Philosophy and The Invention of Autonomy.

Reading Mill at this particular moment in our history is to be reminded not only of the source of our most cherished ideals of liberty and political liberalism but also of the powerful logical and moral reasons supporting our idea of individual freedom and responsibility. Both the writing and the supporting arguments are models of clarity, intellectual modesty and common sense. What a sad contrast to the empty headed slaganeering of today's political and moral discourse.

As one of the writers whose thinking shaped our country's notion of liberty, Mill's short book ought to be mandatory reading for any who seek to legislate their own creed into law.

Good books well worth your time

He's a great thinker and of course you will disagree with thoughts he presents but overall it's worth the read and time to get through the three essays. And nice to know prominent men back then went to bat for women. Unlike republican men like Perry oh my wife she misspoke she doesn't know what women's rights are especially abortion (yes I'm mocking but you can get the gist) he's right she's wrong. Now John Stuart Mill had to give voice to his wife because of the time (1869) Perry saying his wife is wrong 2013. Whose come farther in their thinking?

Arrived on time and as advertised.

This is an impressive collection of works that gives you a better understanding political, economic, and social mechanics from a previous generation that still holds true today.

Perhaps I received by mistake a bad printing, but this book's errors are far too many to list in a review of this length. They include: 1) No introduction, notes, index, or indeed any pages that do not contain the text of the book, save the title page. 2) A typo-per-page ratio rivaled by 2nd-grade essays, appearing to insist that "t" is a word in the English language. 3) Multiple printing errors, causing several sections to be printed multiple times. I have no guarantee that the entire text of these works is in fact contained in the book. 4) Extremely uncomfortable margins that give the feel of an edition produced by a press more accustomed to printing single sheets of paper than books. 5) The lack of any names inside the book whom I could hold accountable for such a farcical edition of

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I personally love JS Mill and wanted a copy of these essays to catch up on some of his works that I am not as familiar with. The issue is not his writing or the book itself, it is the editing. There are a dozen misspellings, missing words, run-ons, and other anomalies that are not from JS Mill. It honestly looks like someone translated it into Chinese and then had someone retranslate the book back to English with minimal Chinese understanding. Don't buy this copy: find one for a couple bucks more and purchase that one.

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