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An elegant addition to the successful “1001” series – a comprehensive, chronological guide to the most important thoughts from the finest minds of the past 3,000 years. 1001 Ideas That Changed the Way We Think is a comprehensive guide to the most interesting and imaginative thoughts from the finest minds in history. Ranging from the ancient wisdom of Confucius and Plato to today’s cutting-edge thinkers, it offers a wealth of stimulation and amusement for everyone with a curious mind. Within the pages of this book you will find a wide variety of answers to the great, eternal questions: How was the universe created and what is the place of humans within it? How should a person live? And how can we build a just society? 1001 Ideas That Changed the Way We Think also includes a host of hypotheses that are remarkable for their sheer weirdness – from the concept of the transmigration of souls to parallel universes and the theoretical paradoxes of time travel (what happens if you travel back in time and kill your own grandfather?). Discover how the Greek philosopher Zeno “proved” a flying arrow never moves; how modern science has shown that a butterfly’s wing can stir up an Atlantic storm; and the mathematical proof of the existence of life in other galaxies. The inspirational ideas explored here range from Gandhi’s theory of civil disobedience to Henry David Thoreau’s praise of the simple life and Mary Wollstonecraft’s groundbreaking advocacy of women’s rights. The book also covers a wide variety of lifestyle concepts, such as “rational dress” and naturism, and cultural movements including Neoclassicism, Surrealism, and Postmodernism. Supported by a wealth of striking illustrations and illuminating quotations, 1001 Ideas That Changed the Way We Think is both an in-depth history of ideas and a delightfully browsable source of entertainment.

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Excellent book. Excellent condition.

An interesting compilation for knowledge nerds like myself. However, one little mistake in one topic makes me wonder about the reliability of the rest. Imagine the disappointment when a 1001 Ideas reader visits Salt Lake City to view the Mormon temple and finds standing there a six-spired gray structure and not the A-frame Air Force Academy Chapel as illustrated in the book.

This book is so cool! Sort of like an encyclopedia, it's organized by categories, and each "idea" is about a page, so you can pop in, ingest some new knowledge, go on with your day!

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Gave it to my son and his wife for Christmas and they have read every book ever published. They loved it! Whew!

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