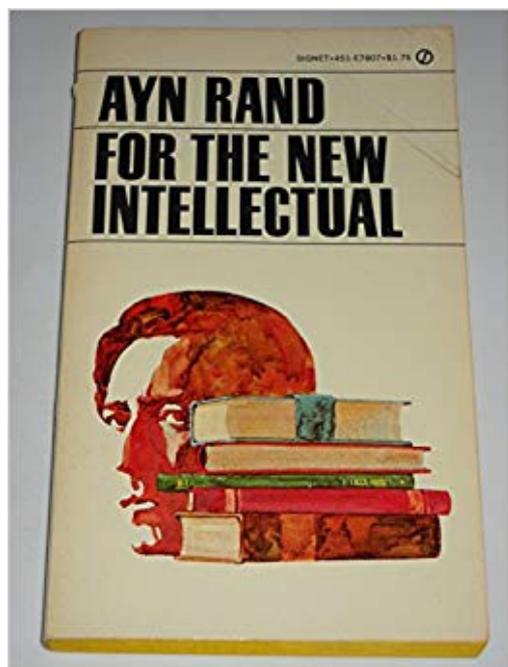


## For the New Intellectual: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand *by* Ayn Rand



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## Reviews of the *For the New Intellectual: The Philosophy of Ayn Rand* *by* Ayn Rand

**Cordanara**

This book provides a brief summary of Rand's philosophy using her fiction novels to illustrate key points. However, I would not recommend this book as the starting point for those who wish to study objectivism. You must read her fiction works such as *The Fountainhead*, *We The Living*, *Anthem*, and Rand's masterpiece, *Atlas Shrugged* in order to grasp her basic precepts. Then move onto her non-fiction offerings such as *Philosophy: Who Needs It?*; *The Virtue of Selfishness*; and *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal*. While this book is fantastic, think of it as a "Cliff's Notes" version of objectivism.

## **Dancing Lion**

I read this book 51 years ago when I was just out of college and into my career. It helped me understand and articulate why I was a conservative. The only thing I disagreed with the author on was that she was an atheist. I certainly don't think you have to be an atheist to be a conservative. I felt that it was time to now reread the book again. It is loaded on my Kindle and ready to go when I work my way to it.

## **Jode**

Excellent summary of her foundational philosophies as she established them in in various writing. Rand is probably the least understood, most mis-categorized philosopher ever. She variously been call a nazi, socialist, and capitalist - proof that most people haven't actually read her books. This is a great starting point if you want to read and decide for yourself, as I did. Dare you to find where her reason and logic is faulty.

## **Unereel**

A great book to introduce or develop Ayn's ideas. It features an overview intro essay along with passages from her fiction. All of it's forceful - as is typical of Ayn - raising issues that have a key bearing on our lives both as individuals and in society. It does contain some of the biting language that's an element of caricatures of her, but her ideas go beyond this. She's accessible, clear, powerful and as relevant today as when this book first came out in the 1960s.

## **PanshyR**

In today's political climate this is an especially interesting book to read. It regards the problem of morality and what is considered moral, and whether it should be. Ayn is definitely in favor of capitalism and individualism.

## **fightnight**

Forty years ago I read most of Atlas Shrugged , but skipped over Galts speech. I was more interested in the story line than her philosophical ramblings. But I did plan to get back to it. Still didn't like it. At least now I'm done.

## **Ffrlel**

Superb analysis as always from Ms. Rand. She was WAY ahead of any other philosopher in the centuries before her or since. It's easy to see why so many people who are truly willing to hear her ideas and use scientific methods of thinking have embraced her Objectivist system. Objectivists may yet save Liberty for all of us from the uninformed masses who seem hell-bent on reckless statist policies.

The title essay is a must read for any individual who understands, supports, and desires to spread the word about Objectivism.

The remainder of the book are key excerpts from all of Rand's fictional novels that outline some key ideas or specific takes on vital concepts that she writes on in her fiction.

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