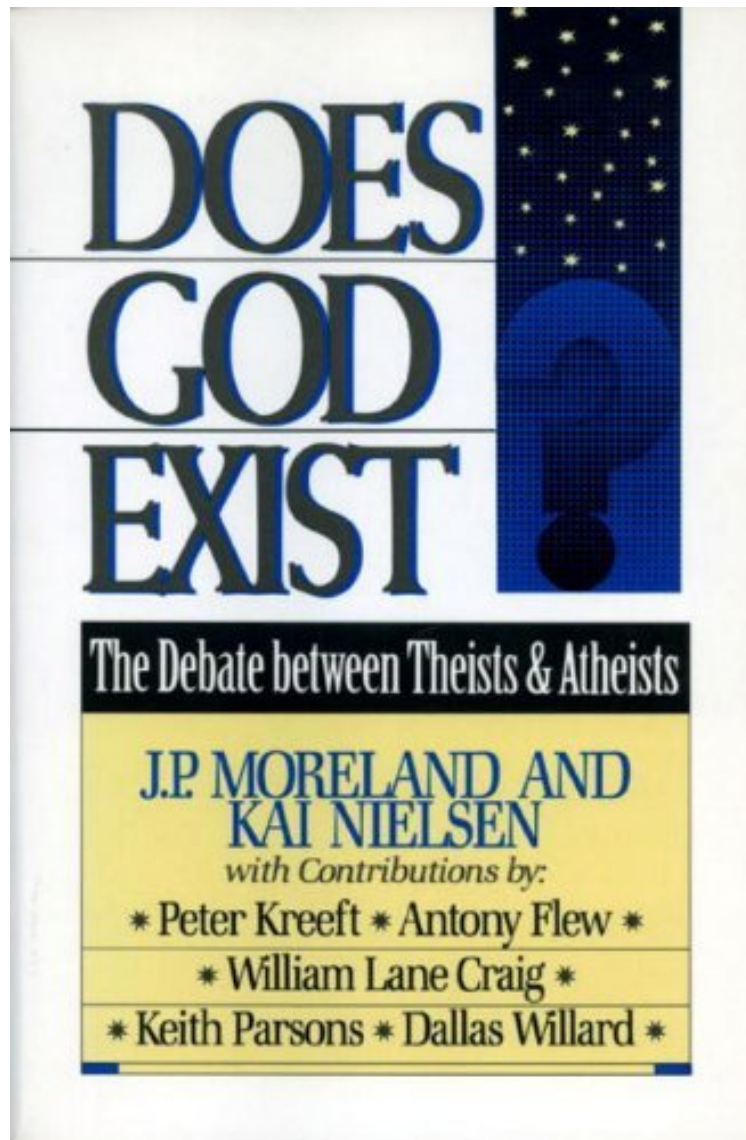


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introduction aids the reader into the debate and if one is new to the questions of philosophy, the background provided become even more important. The debate itself is average. Even though I admire JP Moreland and think he is a great Christian theist, he would receive an average rating. Kai Nielson, however, does a poor job and I agree with another reviewer that Moreland would have been better "stacked" against Keith Parson, one of the book's contributors. The book's strength are the writings from the editor (Kreeft) and the contributors (Christians: Craig and Willard/Atheist: Flew and Parsons). The contributions are thought provoking and the writers tackle the subject head on. Even though I'm partial to Dr Craig, I think all the contributors did an outstanding job in analyzing the debate. For their comments alone, this book is well worth the time and price.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

TheContributors WinVon K.H.This book is a written version of the debate between J.P. Moreland and Kia Nielsen. Both men are well known in their respective fields. Moreland a Christian theist and Nielsen an Atheist, "duke it out" and try to convince us if there is or is not a God. Even though I like J.P. Moreland, and he clearly wins the debate, he isn't at his top form. Further, Nielsen is sloppy and presents an old and already discarded argument.The strength of this book are the contributors: Lane Craig and Willard (Christians) and Flew and Parsons (Atheists) right good strong rebuttals. They all write their position with dynamic passion. I'm partial to William Lane Craig in this book, but must admit that all the contributors did a fine job and therefore, make this book a must read.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Atheism was poorly representedVon jlowder@infidels.orgThis book is divided into three sections: (i) the transcript of the oral debate on the existence of God between Christian philosopher J.P. Moreland and atheist philosopher Kai Nielsen; (ii) commentaries on the debate by two Christian philosophers (William Lane Craig and Dallas Willard) and two atheist philosophers (Antony Flew and Keith Parsons); and (iii) concluding thoughts by Moreland and Nielsen. I agree completely with the conclusion of Craig's flow of the debate, that Moreland won the debate. In fact, Moreland's victory in the debate was so decisive I am left wishing that Keith Parsons had been Moreland's opponent; I wonder if Nielsen even took the debate seriously. In light of this, I am baffled why a secular humanist publisher like Prometheus Books would choose to publish this particular debate, given that the atheist side was so poorly represented. For that matter, I am surprised that even Thomas Nelson originally published the book, for even theists should want the atheist position to be given its best representation. However, Nielsen's critique of theism is not representative of most atheist philosophers. Nielsen relies upon a critique of religious language in which he argues that "God" is literally meaningless. Not only do most atheist philosophers not use such an argument, they disagree with it! Unfortunately, as a result of Nielsen's "strategy" of putting all his eggs in an ineffective basket, readers are deprived of the opportunity to see an exchange between Moreland and atheist philosophers who make substantive objections to Moreland's arguments. To be sure, Antony Flew and Keith Parsons both make excellent, *representative* objections to Moreland's case, and Moreland responds to those objections in his final remarks, but we are deprived the opportunity to see how Parsons and Flew would respond to that, and so on. I therefore discourage *buying* the book. However, I encourage interested parties from both sides to borrow the book from someone who already owns it (e.g., a professor or a local library). I just wouldn't recommend spending money on the book when the atheist debater did such a poor job representing atheism. Even theistic philosophers would agree that Nielsen could have defended atheism in the debate better than he did -- much better in fact -- and that's why I discourage buying the book. And because theistic philosophers care about the truth, even they would admit that atheism wasn't represented as well as it could have been. (For example, most theistic philosophers I have read endorse J.L. Mackie's Miracle of Theism as one of the best philosophical cases for atheism. They don't agree with the book, but they agree that Mackie's book is one of the best cases for atheism in the philosophical literature. And if you asked any of those theistic philosophers, they would tell you that Nielsen did not use any of Mackie's arguments. Therefore, Nielsen's arguments are not representative of the best arguments for atheism.) Moreland gave two arguments for theism: the cosmological argument and the argument that God resurrected Jesus from the dead. We have responded to both of these arguments (thought not necessarily to Moreland specifically) on the Secular Web, and would welcome an exchange with Moreland should he want to answer our rebuttals. ENDISBN:0553455982 TITLE:Under the Tuscan Sun AUTHOR: Frances Mayes SOURCE:Marguerite Sowaal (muggs@lucernevalley.net) DISPLAY-EMAIL:yes USER-LOCATION:California, USA TIME:890368798 RATING:5 ORIGINAL-RATING:10/10 PRIORITY:2500 SUMMARY:Mayes is amazing REVIEW: UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN is a book of discovery - a melange of land and language, food and custom, longing and fulfillment. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read about the people and customs of a small Italian village - Cortona - and a charming old villa, Bramasole, that two American teachers attempt to restore. Frances Mayes invites the reader to enjoy with her the warmth of an Italian sun, the smell of a meal rich in garlic and herbs, and the simple joy of a walk through the countryside of Tuscany. To those readers who will never experience, in person, the sights and sounds of an Italian village; who will never dig in the earth to find a remnant of ancient history; or try to understand the carefree work ethic of rural foreign labor, UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN is as close as it gets. And even better, the recipes the author has included can be made in an American kitchen and eaten with the eyes closed and the imagination running,Mayes recounts her trials and frustrations, her discoveries and delights, and in so doing gives a lesson in optimism and perseverance. With her we experience a freedom she describes as "that pure surge of pleasure, flash flood of joy, to find that electric jolt of the outside place that

corresponds to the inside."

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