

Very Short Introductions (was: Re: (urth) Generic Considerations)

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Gareth Jelley — 25 Apr 2003, 22:06

From: "Dan'I Danehy-Oakes" <katbarx at hotmail.com>

Also good are the "...for Beginners" series from Writers and Artists. Their "Kierkegaard for Beginners" that gave me entree to a thinker whose prose I had previously found opaque and murky. They're somewhere between books and info-comics: heavily (and humorously) illustrated, and run about the same length as the OUP books Gareth mentions -- heck, since I've never seen those, they may for all I know be British editions of the same series.

The OUP ones aren't illustrated like the 'Beginners', but they fill a similar gap. The other thing I like about them is their size - they slip nicely into a pocket, and look well-designed to boot...

A US link with loads of the titles in the series:

http://www.oup-usa.org/catalogs/general/series/Very_Short_Introductions.html

and a UK one:

No. No UK one, as the UK server is a bit sh*te

Anon,

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Ed Cooke — 28 Apr 2003, 10:32 · follows Gareth Jelley

The US "...for Beginners" series is not the same as the UK comic-style publications; the latter changed their name to "Introducing..." to make this clearer. More info on the latter at

www.iconbooks.co.uk