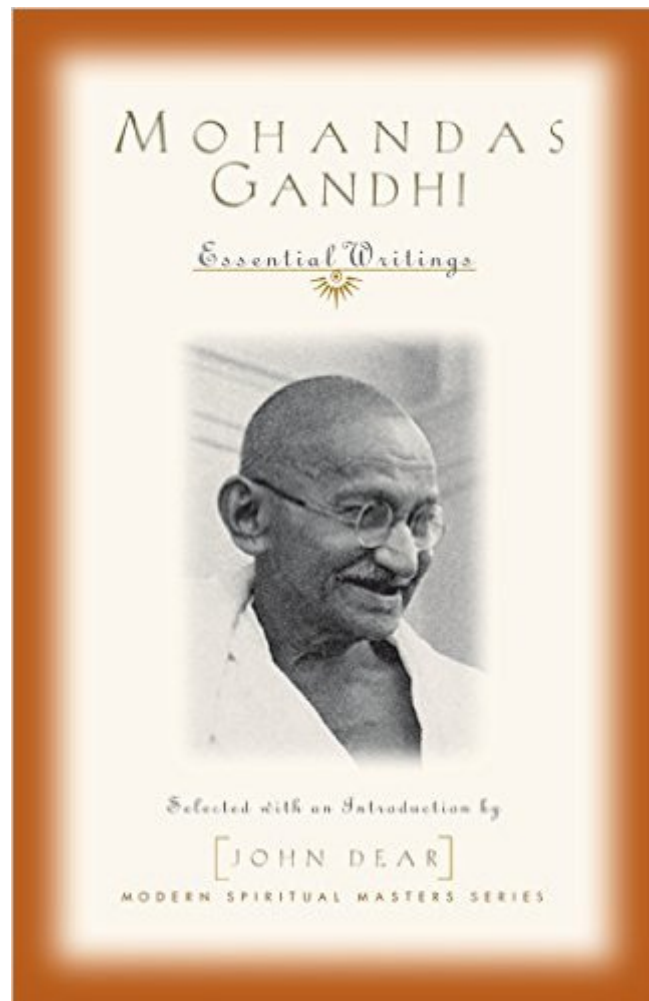


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Excellent first text on Gandhi, perhaps best for high school students and college freshman. Well chosen excerpts with some commentary

As someone who has read several biographies on Gandhi, and also his autobiography, I found this little anthology of Gandhi's writings very representative of his beliefs. It is, in my opinion, an excellent introduction: especially for younger individuals. I particularly enjoyed the introduction of the book, by John Dear, and his interesting comments on how much Gandhi personally saw writing as a chore, a duty (explaining why some of Gandhi's writings are somewhat dull); as well as the short letter Gandhi wrote to Adolf Hitler, asking him humbly to stop the holocaust. As the book was very short, it only took about a week to read, and I highlighted about 200 passages in that time. Well worth a read.

Mahatma Gandhi, or the Great Soul, remains known some 62 years after his death by assassination

for his steadfast forwarding of non-violence as a political and spiritual movement, and accredited with gaining India's independence from British rule in 1947. Gandhi's legacy is rooted in his moral authority by acting in concert with his beliefs. John Dear in the introduction to Mohandas Gandhi Essential Writings describes Gandhi as an "apostle of non-violence" Though considered an agitator by the British government and imprisoned multiple times for civil disobedience, Gandhi never wavered from his ideals of racial equality, religious tolerance, eradication of poverty among them, despite the heavy cost to him (e.g., loss of freedom, death of his wife who was also imprisoned). Mocked by some in the British government (Winston Churchill reputed as one) for his eccentricities in clothing, his extreme emaciated form, and his rigidity in thought, Gandhi's example of gentleness and peaceful opposition to unjust laws remains an influence to all today. Dan Smee Author, "Totally American" Totally American: Harnessing the Dynamic Duo of Optimism and Resilience to Achieve Success

Promoting simple ideas to find profound action is the fundamental objective of this book. It is great to read Gandhi's main writings in such a useful volume. I find myself referring to it again and again.

I'm really loving this book. I've been skipping around and simply enjoying the "nuggets" of wisdom spread from cover to cover. Interesting edition, as well. Printed in India, as opposed to the Orbis Books printing.

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