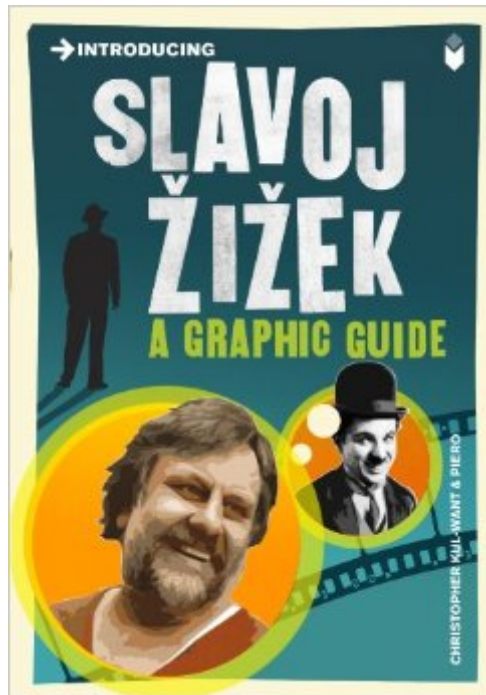


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Charting his meteoric rise in popularity, Christopher Kul-Want and Piero explore Zizek's timely analyses of today's global crises concerning ecology, mounting poverty, war, civil unrest and revolution. Covering topics from philosophy and ethics, politics and ideology, religion and art, to literature, cinema, corporate marketing, quantum physics and virtual reality, *Introducing Slavoj Zizek* deftly explains Zizek's virtuoso ability to transform apparently outworn ideologies — "Communism, Marxism and psychoanalysis" — into a new theory of freedom and enjoyment.

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this is a solid overview of the very expansive philosophy and thought of the Slovenian intellectual Slavoj Zizek. Zizek's writing is quite good, and his lectures and talks are even better, nevertheless the author manages to convey an entertaining narrative as succinctly as possible. And the illustrations are really fun. I picked this up, then read a couple of Zizek's books, and then came back to this to catch my bearings. I really can't recommend this enough.

Pros: Good overview and key concerns and ideas. Zizek's foreground-espoused atheism, at least

according to this introduction's implications, is circumstantial happenstance that neatly conforms to his Communist idealism and his postmodern liberational politics...because he "authentically desires it to", possibly because he identifies politically with the "transgressions" of the "pervert" that lives on the margins of the "big Other's" dominating collective pro-capitalist discourse. That said, it's an expectedly ethical atheism informed by the promise of Marxist critique. I don't find it necessary to his ideas, however, and so I do think there is room for people of informed faith to read Zizek, if only for reference. This book might well be such a digestible introduction. Cons: I find gaping holes in any critique of Zizek's frequent disavowal of influences. Instead, we find him saying that such and such thinker in the past agrees with him... O_o And the authors of this book say not one word about that. Mmmkay.

Slavoj Zizek is a highly important thinker to understanding modern Marxist thought and implicated of Freud and Lacan in modern culture. This book provides an easy-to-understand way way of thinking about his different modes of thought introduces throughout Zizek's books. The graphic novel side of this book isn't great, but it's a fun way to read about Zizek.

Fairly standard explication of Zizek's ideas until about 2010. It does not significantly discuss Zizek's work on German idealism, but does cover Zizek's reading of Lacan and Christianity as well as his Pre-2010 political ideas fairly clearly and humorously.

This is a good introductory text to the work of Žižek. Žižek's work can be extraordinarily dense and difficult to digest but this text does a nice job providing readers with a (very) surface view of his major concepts and contributions to philosophy. I would recommend this text, coupled with Kelsey Wood's Readers Guide, as a good starting point to engage his work. I have spent the past few years immersed in Žižek's work as the foundation for my dissertation and still found this book to be thoroughly enjoyable and worth the read.

This introducing book is a good start towards understanding Zizek's conception of the truth and other of his fascinating Ideas. I know really want to know more about him .

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