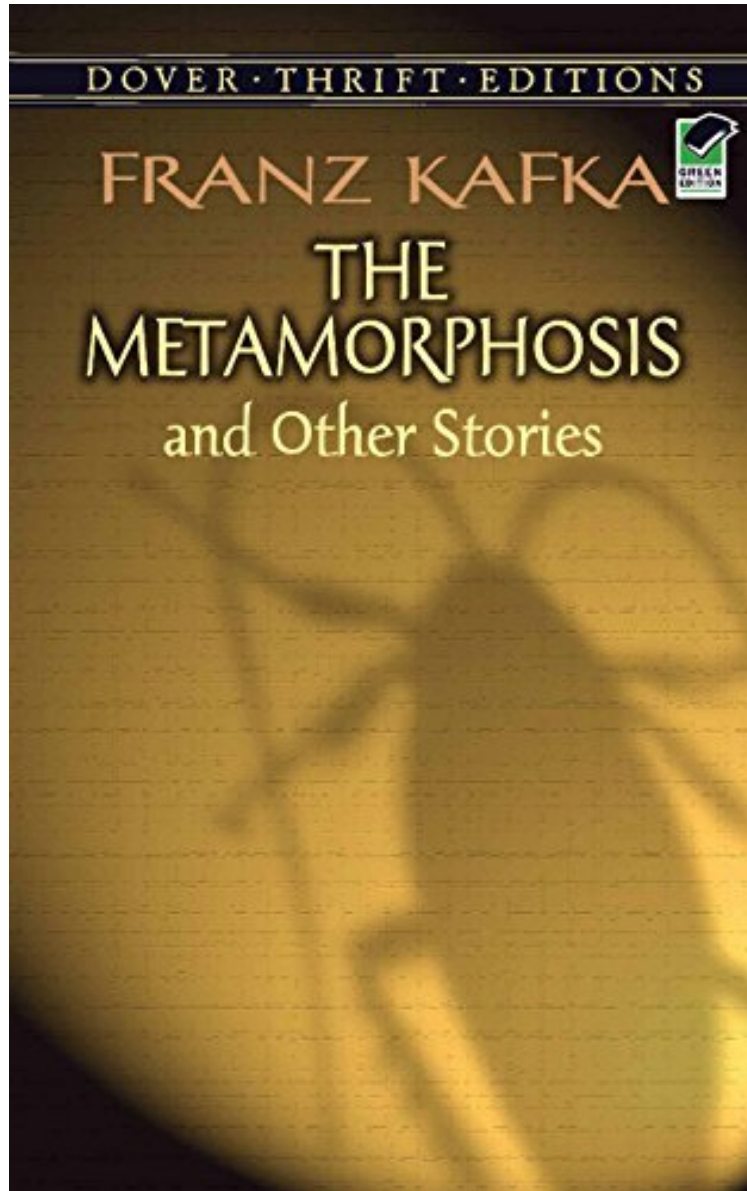


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Von Franz Kafka

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Von Franz Kafka : The Metamorphosis and Other Stories (Dover Thrift Editions) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Metamorphosis and Other Stories (Dover Thrift Editions):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Read it. If you don't understand it, you aren't thinking. Von J. WilsonMany people find The Trial to be baffling and absurd.

Well, much of Kafka's writing IS absurd, because he was essentially an existentialist who considered life itself to be more or less devoid of absolute meaning. The Trial, contrary to what some readers think, IS basically allegorical. The protagonist's plight is an allegory of human alienation in the face of the absurdity of existence. Many reviewers on this page (usually high-school students, it seems) probably were hoping for a book with a plot as asinine as a "Friends" episode. Well, this is heavy reading and not for the faint of heart or weak of mind. You can't read Kafka as if it's surface-level, obvious, dumb-dumb writing. The protagonist struggles onward in the face of absurdity because this is what many of us do in real life. He did all he knew how to do, and he was so bound up in the machinery of his life and his bureaucratic nightmare that he couldn't deviate his path to a place of safety. This is a very important book, full of depth and meaning on many levels. Read it and figure out why. (Even if you have to use your brain).
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Von Manuel Haas
Some professors may enjoy dissecting this book, making it appear to be one of the most complex in the history of literature, but basically this is a story that is as simple as a fairy tale and as exciting as a thriller: Salesman Gregor Samsa wakes up and finds himself changed into an enormous insect. Kafka tells the ensuing troubles with a perfectly straight face. In contrast to all those magic realists, he departs from what may happen any day in only one particular, which makes the story all the more haunting. Who has ever identified with an insect? The difficulties Gregor faces are told from his point of view: his family don't believe it's him, he cannot communicate, they try to get rid of him etc. This heartbreaking novella can be enjoyed even by twelve-year-olds. This is definitely the book you should start with if you want to have a go at Kafka.
2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the most significant allegories of modern literature
Von Ryan Werstuik
Kafka's "The Metamorphosis" is one of the most complex titles in 20th century literature. Despite its short length, it has a seemingly infinite number of levels on which it can be interpreted. Whether read as social condemnation, a symbolic autobiography, or anywhere inbetween, every reader can learn something not only about his world but about himself. In only a few pages, Kafka has epitomized the purpose of literature. Although definitely not "escape literature," I highly recommend "The Metamorphosis" to anyone interested in stretching their mind while digging downward into the infinite depths of this novella's meaning.

Kurzbeschreibung Since his death in 1924, Kafka has come to be regarded as one of the greatest modern writers, one whose work brilliantly explores the anxiety, futility, and complexity of modern life. The precision and clarity of Kafka's style, its powerful symbolism, and his existential exploration of the human condition have given his work universal significance. In addition to the title selection, considered by many critics Kafka's most perfect work, this collection includes "The Judgment," "In the Penal Colony," "A Country Doctor," and "A Report to an Academy." Stanley Appelbaum has provided excellent new English translation of the stories and a brief Note placing them within Kafka's oeuvre. A selection of the Common Core State Standards Initiative.