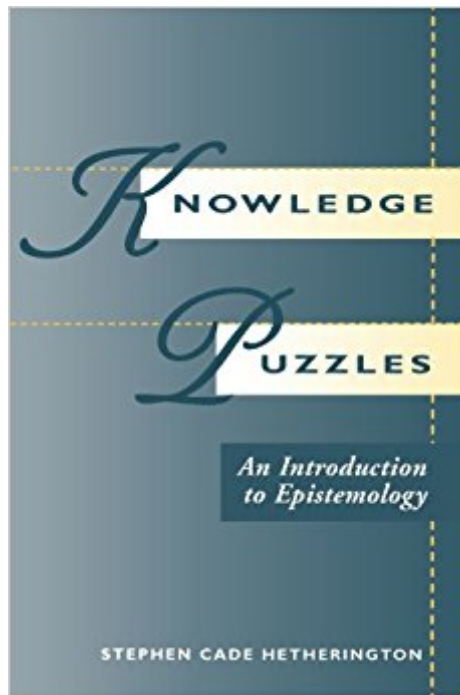




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Customer Reviews

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Although the author seems a bit obsessed by the Gettier problem (that is, the problem that, thanks to several famous counter-examples, some further condition seems required for genuine knowledge

besides a belief's being true and justified), I've found the focus on puzzles in this book to be helpful when it comes to introducing students new to philosophy to epistemology. I don't recommend it as a "stand alone" text; rather, I use it in combination with selected readings from Wray's (ed.) "Knowledge & Inquiry" - a collection of more advanced articles by philosophers such as Bonjour, Goldman, and Audi.

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