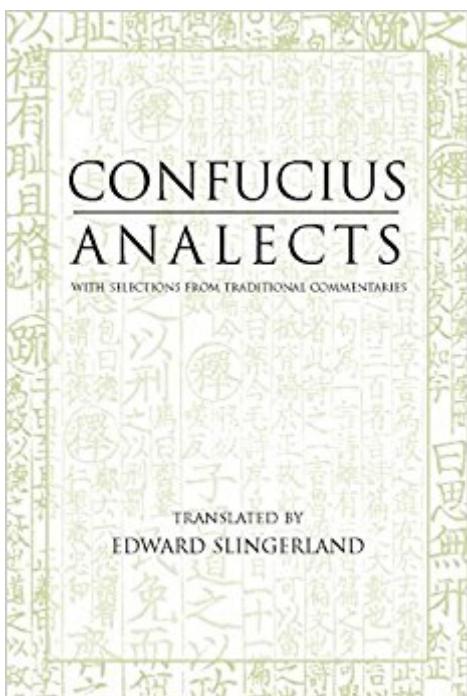


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Clear and readily understandable translation

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Very easy to follow with a lot of connections. For the first time I was able to grasp some key elements I never noticed before.

Easy to read and informative.

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An excellent translation of the core text (5+ stars). However, Slingerland should have done a lot less

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