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The Critique of Pure Reason is one of the most influential philosophy books of all times. Kant’s influence on modern perception of reason cannot be over estimated. Here Kant redefines reason and gives us the tools to understand reason on two levels: the empirical and the metaphysical.

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The ideas and opinions on philosophy and in particular the questions of "reason" of Immanuel Kant are among the most intuitive and unique studies of the concept of reason ever completed. Before I read this book I was a student of philosophy and always prone to asking the deeper questions of life. After reading the notions of Kant, I now have a different perspective of how people think or should think. Kant does not set out to attempt to change individual thought and perception to his opinion, instead his style of prose is more questioning than a simple statement of opinion. This book will change your thought process and question many of your current concepts on how people think.

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