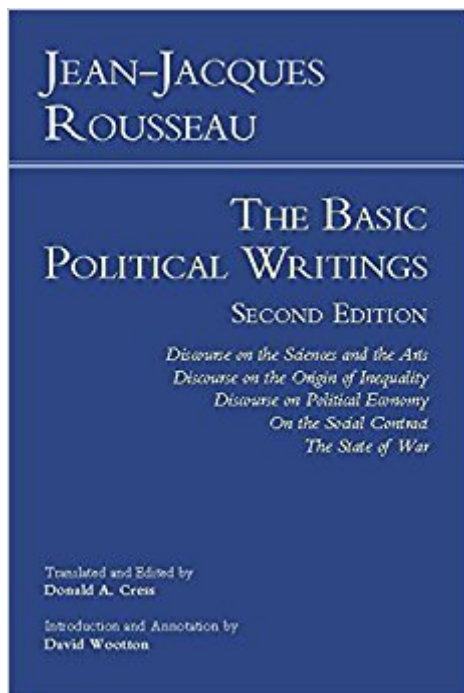


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One of my serious interests. Politics, philosophy and history captivate me, and this book is all 3. Very happy with this purchase.

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I would like to point out that I am in no way a linguistics specialist, but my professor who taught the class continuously pointed out how the translations presented in this edition actually change what Rousseau was saying. Again, this is not my opinion, just my professors. I enjoyed this book and probably would have given it 5 stars, but felt the need to demote it 3 stars due to my professors dis-like of the translation.

Missing the last 20 pages.

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