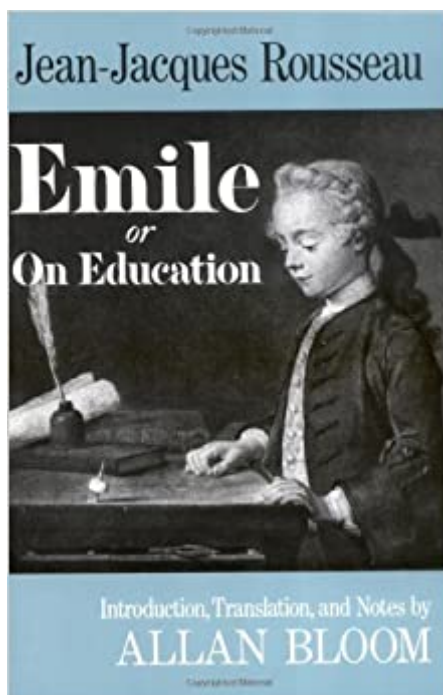


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Emile: Or On Education



Synopsis

Alan Bloom's new translation of Emile, Rousseau's masterpiece on the education and training of the young, is the first in more than seventy years. In it, Bloom, whose magnificent translation of Plato's Republic has been universally hailed as a virtual rediscovery of that timeless text, again brings together the translator's gift for journeying between two languages and cultures and the philosopher's perception of the true meaning and significance of the issues being examined in the work. The result is a clear, readable, and highly engrossing text that at the same time offers a wholly new sense of the importance and relevance of Rousseau's thought to us. In addition to his translation, Bloom provides a brilliant introduction that relates the structure and themes of the book to the vital preoccupations of our own age, particularly in the field of education, but also more generally to the current concerns about the limits and possibilities of human nature. Thus in this translation Emile, long a classic in the history of Western thought and educational theory, becomes something more: a prescription, fresh and dazzling, for the bringing up of autonomous, responsible—that is, truly democratic—human beings.

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Customer Reviews

Allan Bloom, formerly a professor of political theory at the University of Toronto, has recently become a professor of The Committee on Social Thought and in The College, University of Chicago.

This was a fun book to read. It gave you insight into the way Rousseau and the people of the time

thought about children, but also how they lived their lives. The book is divided into chapters that cover different aspects of life. First infancy, childhood, preadolescence and finally adolescence. The last chapter is about how to raise girls but I think Rousseau rushed that one. The book is full of philosophical insights on children and their ages as well as fun stories about Rousseau and Emile. Some of the stories are really funny but not meant to be (like taking an infant to an artillery shooting range to get him immune to loud noises). Nevertheless after all these years the book still offers plenty of child rearing advice that is useful today (like let kids go outside and play, get exercise and scrap their knees once in a while rather than coddle them).

Jean Rousseau's book Emile is a must read for both parents and those in the educational field. Although his ideas can be controversial there is much that can be applied today.

An excellent classic that presents an early view on child development.

very good

Melbourne University rated this book amongst the 10 most important books, and has included it in a 'book-club' run at the University for those interested into looking into it more deeply

Rousseau has an amazing capacity for rapid thought, and digresses quite often into interesting subjects while revealing the education of Emile.

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