Historical And Philosophical Foundations Of Education: A Biographical Introduction (5th Edition)
Synopsis
Structured around major movements in world history, the lives of leading educators, and the philosophies and ideologies that resulted from their ideas, Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Education: A Biographical Introduction, Fifth Edition provides a clear interdisciplinary exploration of the development of educational ideas. The author takes a global perspective on the history and philosophy of education, capturing the essence of educational evolution through the biographies of 23 theorists, philosophers, and educators. This biographical focus, combined with an introductory presentation of the inherent connections between education’s major movements and its primary movers, helps students better understand the social and historical conditions that have informed today’s educational arena.

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Customer Reviews
This book was useful to learn about the educational philosopher I was assigned for a project, but it was SO boring. Unless this is something you have a passion for, I wouldn’t recommend this book for anything other that research or if it is a required reading text!

Even though I rented this book, one day, I will buy it for myself. This book gives a great insight about how philosophers see education in their perspective and how we may see education in a different way. Trust me, this book will not only give you a philosophy on education, but a philosophy to life as well. :)
This is a well-researched and fascinating text on the history of education. My only complaint is with the chapter structure - Gutek locked himself into a format of describing each historical figure's major life experiences, then the historical context of his/her time, then the major contributions to education... in many cases, this got very repetitive and in a few cases it was almost self-contradicting. Overall a good introduction to the subject, though, and useful to any educator who has an interest in where certain practices originated and why.

A compilation of biographical sketches that have impacted educational pedagogy and policy. A deeper understanding of worldviews is presented beginning with the impact of childhood and traversing through adulthood. The reader is able to make connections between each educators childhood and their contributions to education..

The chapters are organized by person mainly instead of in chronological order, which I like. Each chapter is full of information the author fits a lot of information in small places. I'm finding some mis-spellings which I plan to notify the author of because with a well researched book like this,gramatical errors shouldn’t be a distraction.

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I am currently reading this textbook, which is required reading for a Middle School teaching class. So far it is an easy read and it gives you a good background in the history of education. My only complaint is that the author took great lengths to cite religious philosophers, and used examples such as Eastern influences(Confucius),Western backgrounds (John Dewey, etc.), but he neglected to mention the contributions of Islamic scholars in education. For this reason, 2 other texts that can be used in addition to this text to gain a more broader perspective of the topic would be:Cobb, S. (1965). Islamic contribution to civilization. Washington, DC: Avalon.Dewey, J. (1993). Philosophy and education in their historic relations.

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