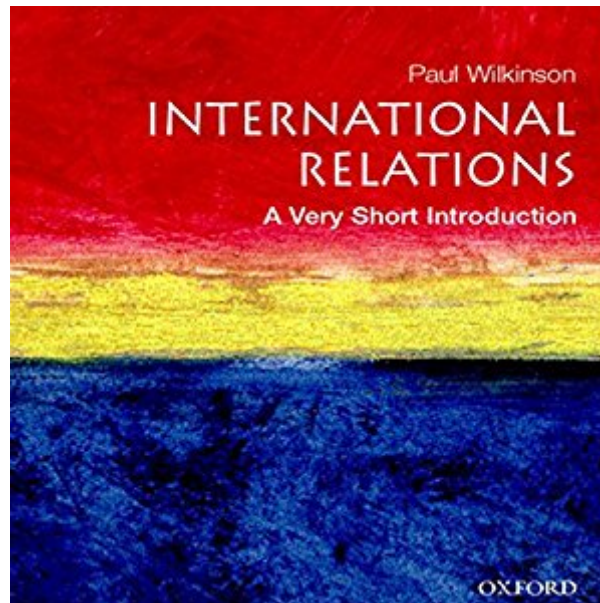




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All of the VSI series are worthwhile; they boil things down to the basics but with insights and expansion where needed. This one is a little weaker than most, however, because Wilkinson keeps "interrupting" the reading, speaking in the 1st person, too!!

Good information and good insight into International Relations. Definitely recommend this.

Gives a nice overview for those that are wanting to get introduced to the field of International Relations. However, it is not very rich in theory. It more so focuses on some of the major and pressing subjects and topics in the field.

This book performs pretty much as advertised. It presents a concise [not to say 'abridged'] version of how international relations work, This is hardly the book you would want for in-depth analysis. But

for a quick overview of the topic, it has depth enough. Hence the 4-stars

I'm a huge fan of VSIs. However, this one feels more like an Op-Ed from the author instead of an introduction

Too anglocentric. Not enough realism.

Because of the obvious importance of international relations, I eagerly awaited the release of this book, but I've just finished reading it and came away disappointed. The problem is that the book doesn't seem to have any significant audience for which it offers substantial value:1. The book doesn't provide a textbook-style introduction to international relations. Instead, it's more of a commentary on the subject, consisting largely of the author's personal observations and opinions. So readers seeking a short but systematic introduction to the subject, as currently understood by scholars, will be disappointed.2. Even if one expects only a commentary on international relations, readers who have been paying attention to the world scene for a while will find the content of the book to be fairly obvious. So the book won't offer much enlightenment for the typical person interested enough in international relations to consider a book on the subject.3. For readers with very little knowledge of world affairs, and who would therefore be happy with an introductory commentary on international relations, this book probably falls short again because the writing style seems a bit too pretentious for that audience. So the book isn't even well suited for neophytes. In short, I can't think of anyone to recommend the book to. If you're looking for a short introduction to international relations, I'd say keep looking ...

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