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"I liked this book so much I read it cover to cover. The Science section is the best short introduction to issues in science, philosophy, and God I have read: it clearly and simply makes its case, while incorporating the insights of Kuhn and Plantinga.

The section on Morality is weaker. While I agree with the conclusion that morality is personal, the author does a poor job of responding to the insights of atheist moral realists. It might be enough to respond to Richard Dawkins, but I think Phillipa Foot would be more difficult. The biggest problem is that Stokes seizes one horn of the Euthyphro Dilemma and doubles down. He is willing to say that God's commands are in some way arbitrary. But I am with Alexander Comrie: God couldn't create a world where idolatry would be ethical, and I think starting with this insight would lead to a better account.

Here's what I love about this book: Stokes is up to date on all the latest work in science and philosophy, and he marshals all this knowledge in a defense against atheism that is very well argued. What's more, he is clear. He won't oversimplify, but you can understand him. He is skeptical about science, but in the reasonable sort of way that does not hate science. He shows how one can love science and love God. Read this book, and talk about it with your atheist neighbor."

– Jamie Duguid, Westminster Bookstore Staff, 2015