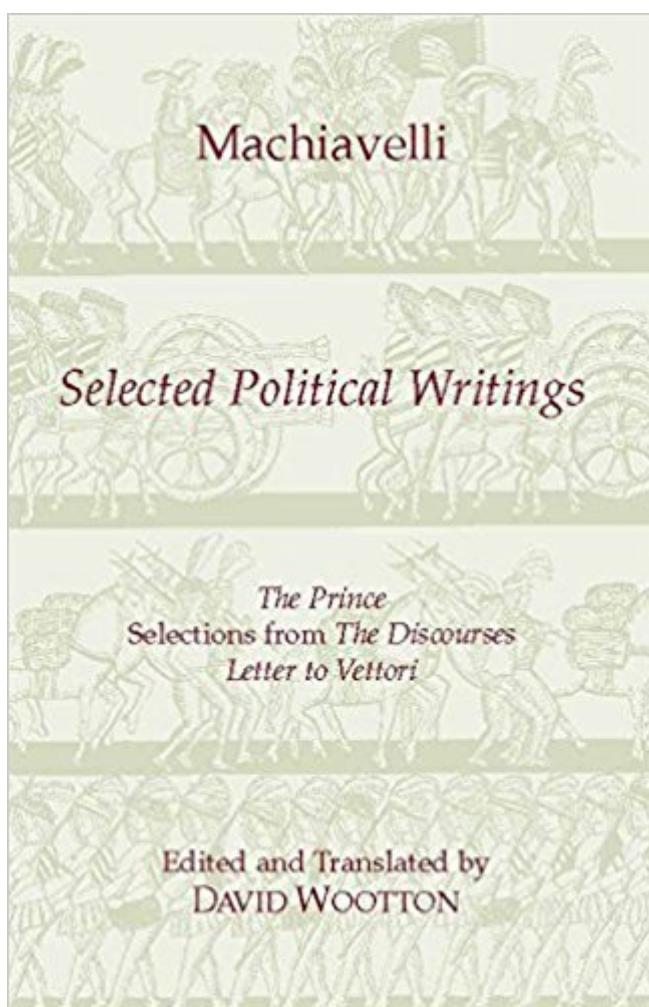


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I had to buy this translation for a class and while it is serviceable I already own a better translation and I'm sure there are many other options that have clearer writing.

Machiavelli certainly has a bad reputation, it seems. I was curious to see what all of the fuss was about. I definitely have a different view than most regarding the style Machiavelli writes. He seems more like a realist than an advocate for evil. These writings are expertly organized and history is provided which helps to put the writings into the perspective of the times.

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An organized approach to reading the philosopher.

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