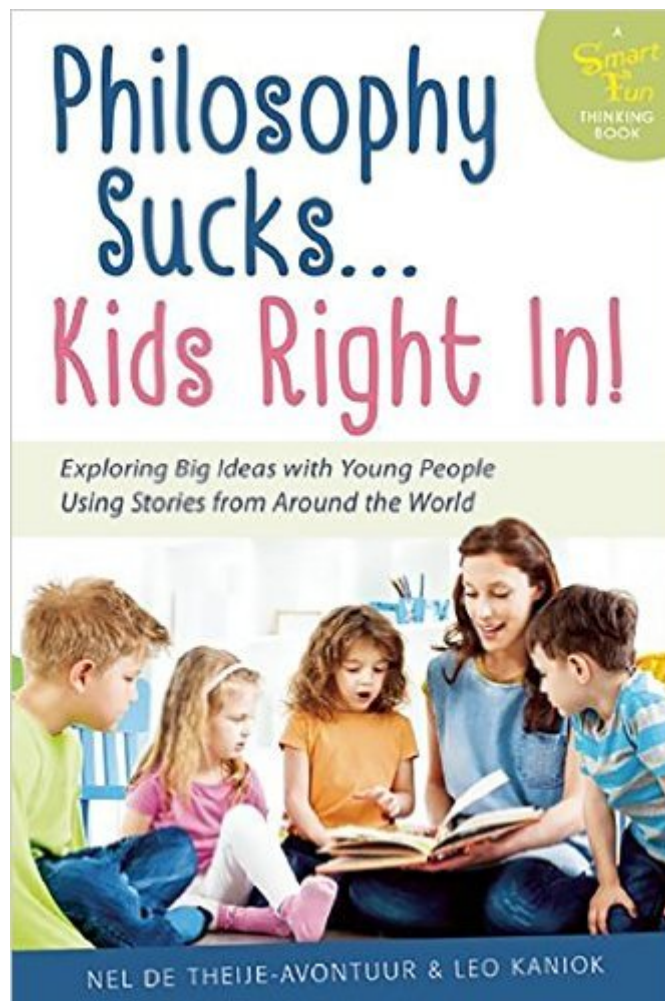


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# Philosophy Sucks . . . Kids Right In!: Exploring Big Ideas With Young People Using Stories From Around The World (SmartThoughts)



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