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Where does it come from?

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Finding out about a book

- Who wrote the book?
- What can you find out about the author, e.g. country, first language, age, experience, qualifications?
- Why did the writer write this book?
- What interest does the author have in the topic?
- Who published the book, where and when?
- Do your answers to the questions so far make a difference to how you feel about the information, ideas and opinions in the book?
- Who and what does the introduction say the book is for?
- What are the main text divisions?
- Is there a good contents page/system of subheadings/index so that you can find things easily?

Read the first line/paragraph/chapter or the introduction and the last line/paragraph/chapter or the conclusion.

- What can this book help you with?
- What can this book NOT help you with?
- Does the author recommend other sources of information?
- What questions would you like, or do you need, to ask to learn from this book?