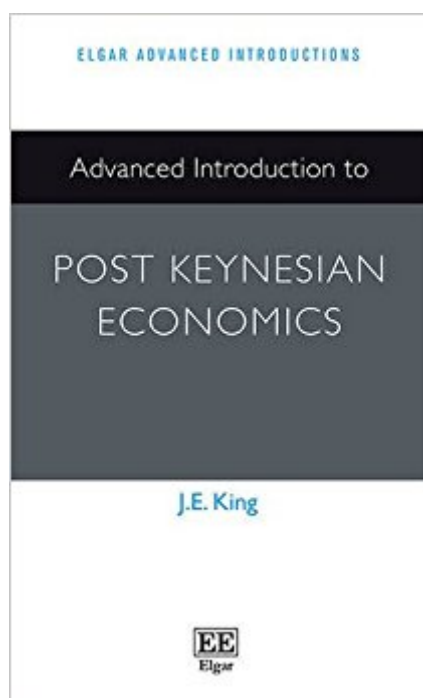


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J.E. King, Emeritus Professor, La Trobe University, Australia and Honorary Professor, Federation University Australia

I liked that it was very clear how Post Keynesian Economics differs from other schools.

Excellent introduction. Would definitely recommend for those interested in actually learning the principles of Post-Keynesianism.

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