

# History of Analytic Philosophy 1879-1930

## Summer vacation reading list

Start with items labelled 'A', then move on to 'B'.

The following provide general overviews of the beginnings of analytic philosophy:

- A Skorupski, John, *English Language Philosophy 1750-1945* (OUP, 1993)
- B Dummett, Michael, *Origins of Analytic Philosophy* (Duckworth, 1988)

As for other papers in the Tripos, a large amount of introductory reading may be found in the *Routledge Encyclopaedia of Philosophy*, *Stanford Encyclopaedia of Philosophy* (online only), Edwards *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, *Philosophy Compass* (online only), and various handbooks and companions published by Routledge, Bloomsbury, Cambridge University Press and Oxford University Press. In particular:

- B Beaney, Michael (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of the History of Analytic Philosophy* (OUP, 2013). Also available as an ebook at: [https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM\\_ALMA51531513860003606&context=L&vid=44CAM\\_PROD&search\\_scope=SCOP\\_CAM\\_ALL&tab=cam\\_lib\\_coll&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM_ALMA51531513860003606&context=L&vid=44CAM_PROD&search_scope=SCOP_CAM_ALL&tab=cam_lib_coll&lang=en_US).

## Frege

Any of the following overviews of Frege's work would be good preparatory reading:

- A Kenny, Anthony, *Frege* (London: Penguin, 1995)
- A Kanterian, Edward, *Frege: A Guide for the Perplexed* (London: Continuum: 2012)
- B Noonan, Harold, *Frege: A Critical Introduction* (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2001)
- B Weiner, Joan, *Frege* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1999)

Most of the set texts are reprinted in:

- A Beaney, Michael (ed.), *The Frege Reader* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1997)

However, this collection contains only selections from Frege's *Grundlagen*. Read the full text:

- A Frege, Gottlob, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*, translated by J. L. Austin (Oxford: Blackwell, 1950)

## Russell

For preparatory reading over the summer, try any of the following:

- A Pears, David, *Bertrand Russell and the British Tradition in Philosophy* (London: Collins, 1967)
- A Ayer, A. J., *Russell* (London: Fontana, 1972)
- A Grayling, A. C., *Russell* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996)
- B Ayer, A. J., *Russell and Moore: The Analytical Inheritance* (London: Macmillan, 1971)

In addition to the set texts (all of which can be found online) read Russell's 'shilling shocker':

- A Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1912). Also available as an ebook at: [https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM\\_ALMA51529747150003606&context=L&vid=44CAM\\_PROD&search\\_scope=SCOP\\_CAM\\_ALL&tab=cam\\_lib\\_coll&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM_ALMA51529747150003606&context=L&vid=44CAM_PROD&search_scope=SCOP_CAM_ALL&tab=cam_lib_coll&lang=en_US).

His intellectual autobiography is also engagingly written and worth reading:

B Russell, *My Philosophical Development* (London: Allen & Unwin, 1959)

## Wittgenstein

The best single-volume introduction to Wittgenstein's work is:

A Kenny, Anthony, *Wittgenstein* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1975)

For his biography see:

B McGuinness, Brian, *Wittgenstein: A Life* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 1988)

The following are also worth reading:

A White, Roger, *Wittgenstein's Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus: A Reader's Guide* (London: Continuum, 2006) Also available as an ebook at: [https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM\\_ALMA51529338550003606&context=L&vid=44CAM\\_PROD&search\\_scope=SCOP\\_CAM\\_ALL&tab=cam\\_lib\\_coll&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM_ALMA51529338550003606&context=L&vid=44CAM_PROD&search_scope=SCOP_CAM_ALL&tab=cam_lib_coll&lang=en_US).

A Mounce, H. O., *Wittgenstein's Tractatus: An Introduction* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1981)

B Anscombe, G. E. M., *An Introduction to Wittgenstein's Tractatus* (London: Hutchinson, 1959)

B Griffin, James, *Wittgenstein's Logical Atomism* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1964)

B Child, William, *Wittgenstein* (London: Routledge, 2011). Also as an ebook at: [https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM\\_ALMA51529838150003606&context=L&vid=44CAM\\_PROD&search\\_scope=SCOP\\_CAM\\_ALL&tab=cam\\_lib\\_coll&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM_ALMA51529838150003606&context=L&vid=44CAM_PROD&search_scope=SCOP_CAM_ALL&tab=cam_lib_coll&lang=en_US).

There are two widely available translations of the *Tractatus*. Use either:

Wittgenstein, Ludwig, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, translated by C. K. Ogden & F. P. Ramsey (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1922). Also available online at: <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/5740>.

Wittgenstein, Ludwig, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, translated by D. F. Pears & B. F. McGuinness (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1961). Also available as an ebook at: [https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM\\_ALMA51527918070003606&context=L&vid=44CAM\\_PROD&search\\_scope=SCOP\\_CAM\\_ALL&tab=cam\\_lib\\_coll&lang=en\\_US](https://idiscover.lib.cam.ac.uk/primo-explore/fulldisplay?docid=44CAM_ALMA51527918070003606&context=L&vid=44CAM_PROD&search_scope=SCOP_CAM_ALL&tab=cam_lib_coll&lang=en_US).

## Ramsey

There is as yet no recommendable single-volume introduction to Ramsey's work. There are three collected editions of the bulk of Ramsey's articles:

Ramsey, Frank P., *The Foundations of Mathematics, and other essays*, ed. by R. Braithwaite (London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co, 1931)

Ramsey, Frank P., *Foundations: Essays in Philosophy, Logic, Mathematics and Economics*, ed. by D. H. Mellor (London: Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1979)

Ramsey, Frank P., *Philosophical Papers*, ed. by D. H. Mellor (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990)

The set texts are in all three, as well as being available online.