

Philosophy Reading List

Some suggestions for those intending to read philosophy and/or beginning a philosophy course.

Introductions to Philosophy

Julia Annas, ***Ancient Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*** (Oxford University Press, 2000)

Simon Blackburn, ***Think*** (Oxford University Press, 2001)

Peter Catapano and Simon Critchley, ***The Stone Reader: Modern Philosophy in 133 Arguments*** (Liveright, 2016)

Edward Craig, ***Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*** (Oxford University Press, 2002)

Mary Midgley, ***What is Philosophy for?*** (Bloomsbury Academic, 2018)

Thomas Nagel, ***What Does it All Mean?*** (Oxford University Press, 1987)

Gideon Rosen et al., ***The Norton Introduction to Philosophy***. Second edition (W. W. Norton & Co., 2018)

Bertrand Russell, ***The Problems of Philosophy***. Second edition (Oxford University Press, 2001)

Jennifer Mather Saul, ***Feminism: Issues & Arguments*** (Oxford University Press, 2003)

David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton, ***Philosophy Bites*** (Oxford University Press, 2010)

David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton, ***Philosophy Bites Back*** (Oxford University Press, 2014)

David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton, ***Philosophy Bites Again*** (Oxford University Press, 2016)

The [Philosophy Bites series of podcasts](http://www.philosophybites.com) (<http://www.philosophybites.com>)

The [History of Philosophy: without any gaps series of podcasts](https://historyofphilosophy.net/) by Peter Adamson (<https://historyofphilosophy.net/>)

The [Philosophers' Arms series of podcasts](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b011yb82) by Matthew Sweet (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b011yb82>)

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology

Helen Beebee, *Free Will: an introduction* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013)

Earl Conee and Theodore Sider, *Riddles of Existence*. New edition (Clarendon Press, 2014)

Tim Crane, *The Mechanical Mind*. Third edition (Routledge, 2015)

Amy Kind, *Persons and Personal Identity* (Polity Press, 2015)

Jennifer Nagel, *Knowledge: a very short introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2014)

Logic and Language

Austin, J.L., *How To Do Things With Words: the William James Lectures delivered at Harvard University in 1955*, edited by J. O. Urmson and Marina Sbisa (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1976).

Priest, Graham, *Logic: A Very Short Introduction*, Second Edition (Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2017)

R M Sainsbury, *Paradoxes*. Third edition (Cambridge University Press, 2009)

Ethics and Political Philosophy

Simon Blackburn, *Being Good: a short introduction to ethics* (Oxford University Press, 2002)

Julia Driver, *Ethics: the fundamentals* (Blackwell, 2006)

Judith Jarvis Thompson, *Goodness and Advice* (Oxford University Press, 2001)

Mary Midgley, *Can't We Make Moral Judgements?* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2017)

Phil Parvin and Clare Chambers, *Teach Yourself Political Philosophy: A Complete Introduction* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2012)

Jonathan Wolff, *An Introduction to Political Philosophy*. Third edition (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Philosophy of Science

Alan Chalmers, *What Is This Thing Called Science*, Fourth edition, (Maidenhead, Berks.: Open University Press, 2013)

Tim Lewens, *The Meaning of Science* (Pelican, 2015)

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Some Philosophy Classics

Use any edition available. Some of these are freely available on the internet:

Plato, *Meno and Euthyphro*

Milinda-pañho (Questions of King Milinda)

Ibn Tufayl, *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan (Alive, Son of Awake, also known as The Self-Taught Philosopher)*

Berkeley, *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous*

Descartes, *Meditations*

Hume, *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* and Dialogues on Natural Religion, 'Of the Standard of Taste'

Mary Wollstonecraft, *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*

J S Mill, *Utilitarianism and On Liberty*

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*