

## 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)

The *Philosophy Bites* series of podcasts: <http://www.philosophybites.com>

and books:

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 *History of Philosophy: without any gaps* series of podcasts by Peter Adamson: <https://historyofphilosophy.net/>

### Some contemporary books on specific areas:

#### Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology

Helen Beebe, *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**

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

Susan Stebbing, *Logic in Practice* (Methuen, 1934)

## **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)

Bernard Williams, *Morality* (Cambridge University Press, 1993)

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

## **Philosophy of Science**

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

## **Great Dead Philosophers** (any edition, some of these are freely available on the internet)

Plato, *Meno* and *Euthyphro*

Berkeley, *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous*

Descartes, *Meditations*

Hume, *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* and *Dialogues on Natural Religion*

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

J S Mill, *Utilitarianism* and *On Liberty*

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