Philosophy Reading List

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

Introductions to Philosophy


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

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


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

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


Mary Ellen Waithe (editor), *A History of Women Philosophers* (Dordrecht: Nijhoff, 1987-994)

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

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

The *Philosophers’ Arms series of podcasts* by Matthew Sweet ([https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01lyb82](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01lyb82))

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Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology


Logic and Language


Ethics and Political Philosophy


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

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


Philosophy of Science


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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-panho (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*