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)
Rebecca Buxton and Lisa Whiting (editors), *The Philosopher Queens: The lives and legacies of Philosophy’s unsung women* (Unbound, 2020)
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)

Podcasts

*History of Philosophy: without any gaps* by Peter Adamson (https://historyofphilosophy.net/)
*Philosophy Bites* by David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton (https://philosophybites.com/)
*Five Questions* by Kieran Setiya (https://anchor.fm/kieran-setiya)
*The Philosophers’ Arms* by Matthew Sweet (https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b01lyb82)

Metaphysics, Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology

Tom McClelland, *What is Philosophy of Mind?* (Polity Press, 2021)

**Logic and Language**

P.D. Magnus and Tim Button, *forall x:Cambridge* 
(http://www.homepages.ucl.ac.uk/~uctybu/OERs.html) This is the logic textbook used in the first year of the Philosophy Tripos.
Michael Morris, *An Introduction to the Philosophy of Language*, (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

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

**Philosophy of Science**


**Some Philosophy Classics**

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

Plato, *Meno and Euthyphro*
Milinda-paño (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, Dialogues on Natural Religion* and '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*

J. L. Austin, *How To Do Things With Words: The William James lectures delivered at Harvard University in 1955*