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This is Philosophy of Mind presents students of philosophy with an accessible introduction to the core issues related to the philosophy of mind. Includes issues related to the mind-body problem, artificial intelligence, free will, the nature of consciousness, and more Written to be accessible to philosophy students early in their studies Features supplemental online resources on www.thisisphilosophy.com and a frequently updated companion blog, at <http://tipom.blogspot.com>

Do You Want To Free Yourself From Stress And Anxiety? Would you like to bring peace and joy in your life? Many people hear the word "Buddhism" and they think it is a religion. However, a person of any religion can bring Buddhist principles into their life

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without giving up their religious beliefs. Buddhism is a simple and practical philosophy, practiced by more than 300 million people worldwide, that can make your life better and help you find inner peace and happiness. Buddhism is a way of living your life following a path of spiritual development that leads you to the truth of reality. "We are shaped by our thoughts; we become what we think. When the mind is pure, joy follows like a shadow that never leaves." - Buddha Nowadays, Buddhism is becoming increasingly popular, thanks to the positive benefits it can bring to those who choose to practice it. By following the principles of Buddhism and by practicing mindfulness meditation you can reduce anxiety and stress and bring clarity and joy into your mind. If you want to learn how to apply the Buddhist philosophy in your everyday life, then this book is for you. You'll learn the principles of this philosophy

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along with the history of Buddha and his teachings that will help you successfully bring Buddhism into your everyday life. This book will give you the answers you're seeking in a format that is both simple and easy to understand, without obscure words or convoluted sentences. Inside Buddhism for Beginners, discover: How you can bring peace and joy in your life following the simple principles of Buddhism A simple but effective meditation technique for beginners to help you relieve stress and feel calmer, even if you've never meditated before The core Buddhist principles and teachings explained in plain english, without complex or obscure words The History of Buddhism, from its origins to the present day Why knowing and freeing your mind can help you bring peace and joy in your everyday life (with practical tips to help you start) A complete historical timeline of notable buddhist events to help you understand the

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development of this philosophy The principles you should pursue if you want to follow the path of Buddha An effective way to understand and practice Buddhism without feeling overwhelmed The truth about Karma and how it can actually help you change your life (many people don't know this) Practical tips to bring Buddhism into your everyday life and brighten your future. And much, much more. Now it's up to you. Even if right now you have no clue of Buddha's teachings, let joy and peace become part of your life and free you from stress and anxiety, you won't regret it! Scroll up and click the "Add to Cart" button!

This comprehensive and leading textbook has been revised and reworked building on the themes of the first edition. As before it covers all aspects of the nature of mind, and is ideal for anyone coming to philosophy of mind for the first time. Before Socrates, philosophers sought

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explanations for naturally-occurring phenomena from earthquakes and eclipses to the existence of the entire cosmos. But the Socratic era saw a great shift towards questions much closer to the human experience. Philosophers became concerned with life and how to live it, the nature of knowledge and reality, the soul and its relation to the body, and the place of human beings in the universe. Ancient philosophy expert, William J. Prior elegantly guides readers through philosophy's formative years, from the pre-Socratic to the Stoic and Epicurean schools. Combining a general discussion of movements with analysis of key passages from ancient texts, it is an enthralling insight into the evolution of philosophy and how the great thinkers of centuries gone by can still send our minds reeling today. For students and interested readers alike, this is the ideal introduction, opening the door to the philosophy's classic

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works and fascinating in its own right.

Minds and Bodies

Philosophy of Religion

The Philosophy of Mind

Philosophy Made Slightly Less Difficult

Contemporary Philosophy of Mind

SUMMARY - Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind:

Informal Talks On Zen Meditation And

Practice By Shunryu Suzuki

A fascinating exploration of the theories and arguments surrounding the notions of thought and representation. Now in its 2nd edition, Cranes's classic text has introduced thousands to some of the most important ideas in philosophy of mind.

This flexible introductory textbook explores several key themes in philosophy, and helps the reader learn to engage with the key

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arguments by introducing and analysing a selection of classic readings. Fully integrated introductory text with readings for beginning students of philosophy. Each chapter focusses on a core philosophical topic, and contains an introduction to the topic, 2 classic readings and interactive commentaries on the readings. An introductory book which doesn't merely tell the reader about the subject, but requires them to engage philosophically with the text. A pedagogical resource developed in the classroom by the authors at the University of London.

Philosophy: a Beginner's Guide is unique in its approach to introducing philosophy. Its succinct and self-

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contained chapters make this jargon-free text accessible to people who have had little or no previous contact with philosophy.

This book explores a range of issues in the philosophy of mind, with the mind-body problem as the main focus. It serves as a stimulus to the reader to engage with the problems of the mind and try to come to terms with them, and examines Descartes's mind-body dualism.

An Introduction

Plain and Simple Guide to Buddhist Philosophy Including Zen Teachings, Tibetan Buddhism, and Mindfulness Meditation

A Philosophical Introduction to Minds, Machines and Mental Representation

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An Introduction with Readings

The Basics

Zen Is Right Now

A clear introduction to the main issues arising in the philosophy of the mind is provided through this straightforward elementary textbook for beginning students of philosophy. This work is an introduction to the mind-body problem. Written with the beginner in mind, Robert Wilkinson carefully introduces the reader to the fundamental components of the philosophy of mind.

* Our summary is short, simple and pragmatic. It allows you to have the essential ideas of a big book in less than 30 minutes. As you read this summary, you will discover that it deals with Zen practice, Zen life, and

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the attitudes that make Zen practice possible. You will also discover : Shunryu Suzuki's point of view on the practice of Zen; The essence of Buddhism through such simple phrases as: "Have a cup of tea"; What "zazen" is, a form of meditation practiced in Zen philosophy; What the right practice, attitude and understanding of zazen practice is. Shunryu Suzuki (1904-1971) brought Zen philosophy to the United States in 1959, founding seven centers. In forty years, "Zen Mind, New Mind" has become a classic of Zen philosophy, because of its clarity and the joy it gives to its readers. It encourages people to realize their own nature, their own Zen mind. It is a collection of speeches by Shunryu Suzuki,

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teachings he gave during his life and was written by several of his disciples.

*Buy now the summary of this book for the modest price of a cup of coffee!

Cognitive Science combines the interdisciplinary streams of cognitive science into a unified narrative in an all-encompassing introduction to the field. This text presents cognitive science as a discipline in its own right, and teaches students to apply the techniques and theories of the cognitive scientist's 'toolkit' - the vast range of methods and tools that cognitive scientists use to study the mind. Thematically organized, rather than by separate disciplines, Cognitive Science underscores the problems and solutions of cognitive science, rather

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than those of the subjects that contribute to it - psychology, neuroscience, linguistics, etc. The generous use of examples, illustrations, and applications demonstrates how theory is applied to unlock the mysteries of the human mind. Drawing upon cutting-edge research, the text has been updated and enhanced to incorporate new studies and key experiments since the first edition. A new chapter on consciousness has also been added.

Buddhism for Beginners

Philosophy of Psychology

A Beginner's Guide

Rawls

Reading Philosophy

Everything You Need to Know to

Master the Subject ... In One Book!

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What existed before the Universe was created? Where does self-worth come from? Do the ends always justify the means? The Philosophy Book answers the most profound questions we all have. It is your visual guide to the fundamental nature of existence, society, and how we think. Discover what it means to be free, whether science can predict the future, or how language shapes our thoughts. Learn about the world's greatest philosophers, from Plato and Confucius to modern thinkers such as Chomsky and Derrida and follow charts and timelines that graphically show

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the progression of ideas and logic. Written in plain English, with concise explanations of branches of philosophy such as metaphysics and ethics, it untangles complicated theories and makes sense of abstract concepts. It is an ideal reference whether you're a student or a general reader, with simple explanations of big ideas, including the four noble truths, the soul, class struggle, moral purpose, and good and evil. If you're curious about the deeper questions in life, The Philosophy Book is both an invaluable reference and illuminating read. Philosophy of Psychology is a

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well-structured introduction to the nature and mechanisms of cognition and behaviour from one of the leaders in the field. Should we aim to maximize happiness? Are there characteristics that we should foster within ourselves? Why is it important to act morally? From the ancient Greeks to Sartre, from utilitarianism to the categorical imperative, *Ethics: A Beginner's Guide* presents this vital topic of philosophy via its most influential thinkers and theories. With characteristic wit, philosopher Peter Cave steers us around well known and not-so-well known ethical traps – in the

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private sphere, in community life, and in relation to God and religion. As well as a guide to ongoing theoretical debates, Cave shows how the discipline helps us to confront topical controversies including those of the environment, abortion, and animal welfare. For anyone who questions how we ought to live, there is no better introduction to ethics and how it relates to twenty-first-century society. A modern take on this age-old branch of philosophy A much-needed introductory level book on this widely studied subject. Isaac Asimov said that "whatever the tortures of hell, I think the

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boredom of heaven would be even worse." Such quandaries are the bread and butter of philosophy of religion. Questioning why evil exists, whether God could create a stone he couldn't lift, and if the wonder of life suggests a Creator, this fascinating branch of philosophy is concerned with arguments for and against religion, and what form an immortal god (or gods) would take if in existence. Assuming no prior knowledge of philosophy from the reader, Taliaferro provides a clear exploration of the discipline, introducing a wide range of philosophers and

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covering the topics of morality and religion, evil, the afterlife, prayer, and miracles. Also containing sections dedicated to Hinduism, Buddhism and the Eastern religions, this helpful primer is perfect for students or the general reader.

Knowledge: A Very Short Introduction

The Philosophy Book

A Graphic Guide

Philosophy of Mind

A Degree in a Book: Philosophy

A Beginner's Guide to Life's Big Questions

A key introductory philosophy textbook, making use of an innovative, interactive technique

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for reading philosophical texts
Reading Philosophy: Selected Texts with a Method for Beginners, Second Edition, provides a unique approach to reading philosophy, requiring students to engage with material as they read. It contains carefully selected texts, commentaries on those texts, and questions for the reader to think about as she reads. It serves as starting points for both classroom discussion and independent study. The texts cover a wide range of topics drawn from diverse areas of philosophical investigation, ranging over ethics, metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of mind, aesthetics, and political philosophy. This edition has been updated and expanded. New

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chapters discuss the moral significance of friendship and love, the subjective nature of consciousness and the ways that science might explore conscious experience. And there are new texts and commentary in chapters on doubt, self and moral dilemmas. Guides readers through the experience of active, engaged philosophical reading Presents significant texts, contextualized for newcomers to philosophy Includes writings by philosophers from antiquity to the late 20th-century Contains commentary that provides the context and background necessary for discussion and argument Prompts readers to think through specific questions and to reach their own

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conclusions This book is an ideal resource for beginning students in philosophy, as well as for anyone wishing to engage with the subject on their own.

This book reviews some of the most important scientific and philosophical theories concerning the nature of mind and consciousness. Current theories on the mind-body problem and the neural correlates of consciousness are presented through a series of biographical sketches of the most influential thinkers across the fields of philosophy of mind, psychology and neuroscience. The book is divided into two parts: the first is dedicated to philosophers of mind and the second, to neuroscientists/experimental

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psychologists. Each part comprises twenty short chapters, with each chapter being dedicated to one author. A brief introduction is given on his or her life and most important works and influences. The most influential theory/ies developed by each author are then carefully explained and examined with the aim of scrutinizing the strengths and weaknesses of the different approaches to the nature of consciousness.

"Philosophy of Mind: The Basics is a concise and engaging introduction to the fundamental philosophical questions and theories about the mind. Written by a leading expert in the field, Amy Kind examines and explains key questions such as: What is

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the nature of the mind? What is the relationship between the mind and the brain? Can machines have minds? What is the future of the mind? With a glossary of key terms and suggestions for further reading this book is an ideal starting point for anyone seeking a lively and accessible introduction to the rich and complex study of philosophy of mind"--

In this new collection of quotes from Shunryu Suzuki Roshi and stories from his students, the presence, wisdom, and humor of a great Zen teacher come alive once more. The teachings of Shunryu Suzuki have served for innumerable people as the gateway to Zen practice and meditation. In *Zen Is Right Now*,

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devoted student and biographer David Chadwick sheds new light on Suzuki's presence and teachings through selected quotes from his lectures and a variety of stories told by his students. Complementary to another collection about Suzuki, *Zen Is Right Here*, this book offers a joyful bounty of anecdotes and insights, revealing a playful and deeply wise teacher who delighted in paradox and laughed often. Each of the stories and quotes presented here is an example of the versatile and timeless quality evident in Suzuki's teaching, showing that the potential for attaining enlightenment exists right now, in this very moment.

Informal Talks on Zen Meditation

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and Practice

Ancient Philosophy

Aquinas

The Mechanical Mind

An Introduction to the Science of the Mind

Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind

In this lively and entertaining introduction to the philosophy of mind, Edward Feser explores the questions central to the discipline; such as 'do computers think', and 'what is consciousness'; and gives an account of all the most important and significant attempts that have been made to answer them.

'The principles of justice are chosen behind a veil of ignorance' – John Rawls, A Theory of Justice What is justice? How can we know it? How can we make our society more just? The most significant political philosopher since John Stuart

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Mill, John Rawls (1921 – 2002) grappled with such dilemmas. His work has been the source not only of academic argument, but also of political debate and legislative reform, arguing that we have a moral duty to organise society so as to rectify undeserved inequality. In the first introduction to Rawls's work which encompasses his entire career, Dr Paul Graham combines lucid exposition with thought-provoking criticism. Locating Rawls in the rich history of political thought, Graham explores a theory that remains fiercely relevant as the developed world sees unprecedented levels of inequality. For anyone concerned with how society works, this is a vital introduction to one of the great modern philosophers and to a subject that is crucial to how we live.

"In the beginner's mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert's there are

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few." So begins this most beloved of all American Zen books. Seldom has such a small handful of words provided a teaching as rich as has this famous opening line. In a single stroke, the simple sentence cuts through the pervasive tendency students have of getting so close to Zen as to completely miss what it's all about. An instant teaching on the first page. And that's just the beginning. In the forty years since its original publication, Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind has become one of the great modern Zen classics, much beloved, much reread, and much recommended as the best first book to read on Zen. Suzuki Roshi presents the basics—from the details of posture and breathing in zazen to the perception of nonduality—in a way that is not only remarkably clear, but that also resonates with the joy of insight from the first to the last page. It's a book to come back to

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time and time again as an inspiration to practice, and it is now available to a new generation of seekers in this fortieth anniversary edition, with a new afterword by Shunryu Suzuki's biographer, David Chadwick.

Philosophy is thinking critically about questions that matter. But many people find philosophy intimidating, so they never discover how it can help them engage ideas, culture, and even their faith. In this second edition of a classic text, Garrett DeWeese and J. P. Moreland use straightforward language with plenty of everyday examples to help to make philosophy a little less difficult.

An Introduction to the Philosophy of Mind

Zen Is Right Here

Selected Texts with a Method for Beginners

This Is Political Philosophy

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A Brief Introduction to Great Thinkers and Big Ideas

Theories in Neuroscience and Philosophy of Mind

'An excellent book' - Ted Honderich, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Mind and Logic at University College London (UCL) Introducing Consciousness provides a comprehensive guide to the current state of consciousness studies. It starts with the history of the philosophical relation between mind and matter, and proceeds to scientific attempts to explain consciousness in terms of neural mechanisms, cerebral computation and quantum mechanics. Along the way, readers will be introduced to zombies and Chinese Rooms, ghosts in machines and Erwin Schrodinger's cat.

What is knowledge? How does it differ from mere belief? Do you need to be able

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to justify a claim in order to count as knowing it? How can we know that the outer world is real and not a dream? Questions like these are ancient ones, and the branch of philosophy dedicated to answering them - epistemology - has been active for thousands of years. In this thought-provoking Very Short Introduction, Jennifer Nagel considers these classic questions alongside new puzzles arising from recent discoveries about humanity, language, and the mind. Nagel explains the formation of major historical theories of knowledge, and shows how contemporary philosophers have developed new ways of understanding knowledge, using ideas from logic, linguistics, and psychology. Covering topics ranging from relativism and the problem of scepticism to the trustworthiness of internet sources, Nagel examines how progress has been made in

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understanding knowledge, using everyday examples to explain the key issues and debates ABOUT THE SERIES: The Very Short Introductions series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

Philosophy, the “love of wisdom”, is the product of our endless fascination and curiosity about the world – the child of wonder. Through it, we seek to answer the most fundamental of questions: How do we know what we know? Does God exist? What is beauty? How should we live our lives? What am I? In this exhilarating tour, Peter Cave navigates

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all the main topics of philosophy with verve and clarity. Using witty and whimsical examples, including stoical sofas and Reg, the “regular” human, who just happens to carry his brain in a rucksack, Cave provides a welcome antidote to the dry textbook while covering everything from political philosophy to points of logic. Interspersed with helpful textboxes and underlining the enduring relevance of philosophy to us all, there is no better introduction for the aspiring sage.

Designed specifically for students with no background knowledge in the subject, this accessible introduction covers all of the basic concepts and major theories in the philosophy of mind. Topics discussed include dualism, behaviorism, the identity theory, functionalism, the computational theory of mind, connectionism, physicalism, mental causation, and

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consciousness. The text is enhanced by chapter summaries, a glossary, suggestions for further reading, and self-assessment questions.

*This is Philosophy of Mind
A Brief History of the Soul
Ethics*

*More Teaching Stories and Anecdotes of
Shunryu Suzuki, author of Zen Mind,
Beginners Mind*

Consciousness

The Wisdom of Shunryu Suzuki

A perfect introduction for students and laypeople alike, A Degree in a Book: Philosophy provides you with all the concepts you need to understand the fundamental issues. Filled with helpful diagrams, suggestions for further

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reading, and easily digestible features on the history of philosophy, this book makes learning the subject easier than ever. Including ideas from Aristotle and Zeno to Descartes and Wittgenstein, it covers the whole range of western thought. By the time you finish reading this book, you will be able to answer questions like: • What is truth? • What can I really know? • How can I live a moral life? • Do I have free will?

A primer on western philosophy by the late French philosopher and University of Nice professor covers a wide range of thinkers and topics from Plato and

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Aristotle to the existence of God and the question of freedom.

This book is a clear and concise history of the soul in western philosophy, from Plato to cutting-edge contemporary work in philosophy of mind. Packed with arguments for and against a range of different, historically significant philosophies of the soul Addresses the essential issues, including mind-body interaction, the causal closure of the physical world, and the philosophical implications of the brain sciences for the soul's existence Includes coverage of theories from key figures, such as Plato, Aquinas, Locke, Hume,

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and Descartes Unique in combining the history of ideas and the development of a powerful case for a non-reductionist, non-materialist account of the soul

The concepts of mind and soul have occupied the thoughts of philosophers throughout the ages and have given rise to numerous conflicting theories. This book provides an incisive and stimulating introduction to central tropics in the philosophy of mind. The author writes about the differences and connections between the ideas of mind and soul and about the metaphysical issues of Dualism, Solipsism,

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Behaviourism and Materialism. In the course of her account she discusses the arguments of several philosophers including Plato, Descartes, Wittgenstein, Ryle and Hume. Review of the original edition, 1974: "It is clear, incisive and unidiosyncratic. Issues and theories are discussed simply yet without serious distortion or vapidness, and the book is full of argument. Stewart Candish, "Mind""

Cognitive Science
Introducing Consciousness
The Philosophy Book for
Beginners
A Beginners Guide
Philosophy

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Big Ideas Simply Explained

This volume is an introduction to contemporary debates in the philosophy of mind. In particular, the author focuses on the controversial "eliminativist" and "instrumentalist" attacks - from philosophers such as Quine, Dennett, and the Churchlands - on our ordinary concept of mind. In so doing, Rey offers an explication and defense of "mental realism", and shows how Fodor's representational theory of mind affords a compelling account of much of our ordinary mental talk of beliefs, hopes, and desires.

The profound Zen teachings of Suzuki Roshi brought to life by personal stories and anecdotes from his students. Shunryu Suzuki's extraordinary gift for conveying traditional Zen teachings using

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ordinary language is well known to the countless readers of *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind*. In *Zen Is Right Here*, his teachings are brought to life powerfully and directly through stories told about him by his students. These living encounters with Zen are poignant, direct, humorous, paradoxical, and enlightening; and their setting in real-life contexts makes them wonderfully accessible. Suzuki Roshi gave profound teachings that were skillfully expressed for each moment, person, and situation he encountered. He emphasized that while the ungraspable essence of Buddhism is constant, the expression of that essence is always changing. Each of the stories presented here is an example of this versatile and timeless quality, showing that the potential for attaining enlightenment

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exists right here, right now, in this very moment. This book is part of the Shambhala Pocket Library series. The Shambhala Pocket Library is a collection of short, portable teachings from notable figures across religious traditions and classic texts. The covers in this series are rendered by Colorado artist Robert Spellman. The books in this collection distill the wisdom and heart of the work Shambhala Publications has published over 50 years into a compact format that is collectible, reader-friendly, and applicable to everyday life.

This is Political Philosophy is an accessible and well-balanced introduction to the main issues in political philosophy written by an author team from the fields of both philosophy and politics. This text connects issues at the core of political

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philosophy with current, live debates in policy, politics, and law and addresses different ideals of political organization, such as democracy, liberty, equality, justice, and happiness. Written with great clarity, This is Political Philosophy is accessible and engaging to those who have little or no prior knowledge of political philosophy and is supported with supplemental pedagogical and instructor material on the This Is Philosophy series site. In this multifaceted introduction to the renowned thinker, Edward Feser shows how Aquinas's works are as relevant as when they were written. Defending his ideas from modern misrepresentation, Feser introduces the great Saint's view of metaphysics, ethics, psychology, and philosophy of religion. Arguing that Aquinas's thought avoids many of the pitfalls of

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contemporary philosophy, this comprehensive volume will captivate both the seasonal "Thomist" and the absolute novice.

A Contemporary Introduction

A Contentiously Classical Approach

The Mind and the Soul

A Beginner's Guide to Philosophy