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Beginning Ethics Lewis Vaughn
2014-08-01 The most accessible, practical, and affordable introduction to ethical theory and moral reasoning.
[The Structure of Moral Revolutions](#) Robert Baker 2019-11-12 A theoretical account of

moral revolutions, illustrated by historical cases that include the criminalization and decriminalization of abortion and the patient rebellion against medical paternalism. We live in an age of moral revolutions in which the once morally outrageous has become morally acceptable,

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and the formerly acceptable is now regarded as reprehensible. Attitudes toward same-sex love, for example, and the proper role of women, have undergone paradigm shifts over the last several decades. In this book, Robert Baker argues that these inversions are the product of moral revolutions that follow a pattern similar to that of the scientific revolutions analyzed by Thomas Kuhn in his influential book, *The Structure of Scientific Revolutions*. After laying out the theoretical terrain, Baker develops his argument with examples of moral reversals from the recent and distant past. He describes the revolution, led by the utilitarian philosopher Jeremy Bentham, that transformed the postmortem dissection of human bodies from punitive desecration to civic virtue; the criminalization of abortion in the nineteenth century and its decriminalization in the twentieth century;

and the invention of a new bioethics paradigm in the 1970s and 1980s, supporting a patient-led rebellion against medical paternalism. Finally, Baker reflects on moral relativism, arguing that the acceptance of “absolute” moral truths denies us the diversity of moral perspectives that permit us to alter our morality in response to changing environments.

Philosophy Louis Pojman 2012-01-12
Praised for its unique combination of accessibility and comprehensiveness, *Philosophy: The Quest for Truth* is one of the best-selling textbooks for the introduction to philosophy course. Now in its eighth edition, it provides an excellent selection of eighty-nine classical and contemporary readings on nineteen key problems in philosophy. This edition features eleven new selections, two new sections, boldfaced key terms, a revised

appendix on "How to Read and Write Philosophy Papers," and a Time Line highlighting the philosophers included in the text.

The Ethics of Abortion Christopher Kaczor 2013-05-13
Appealing to reason rather than religious belief, this book is the most comprehensive case against the choice of abortion yet published. The Ethics of Abortion critically evaluates all the major grounds for denying fetal personhood, including the views of those who defend not only abortion but also infanticide. It also provides several (non-theological) justifications for the conclusion that all human beings, including those in utero, should be respected as persons. This book also critiques the view that abortion is not wrong even if the human fetus is a person. The Ethics of Abortion examines hard cases for those who are prolife, such as abortion in cases of rape or in order to save the

mother's life, as well as hard cases for defenders of abortion, such as sex selection abortion and the rationale for being "personally opposed" but publically supportive of abortion. It concludes with a discussion of whether artificial wombs might end the abortion debate. Answering the arguments of defenders of abortion, this book provides reasoned justification for the view that all intentional abortions are morally wrong and that doctors and nurses who object to abortion should not be forced to act against their consciences.

The Moral Life Lewis Vaughn 2021-10-08
Ideal for introductory ethics courses, The Moral Life: An Introductory Reader in Ethics and Literature brings together a comprehensive collection of classical and contemporary readings on ethical theory and contemporary moral issues. The first two-thirds of the book comprises readings on historical and contemporary ethical

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theory; the final third is devoted to readings on a variety of contemporary moral issues. Integrating literature with philosophy in an innovative way, this anthology leverages literary works to enliven and make concrete the ethical theories and applied issues it covers.

Creating the Creole Island Megan Vaughan 2005-02 DIVA historical reconstruction of the making of a slave society in the Indian Ocean./div

Great Philosophical Arguments Lewis Vaughn 2011-11-03 The purpose of this text is to introduce students to great philosophy and great philosophers through an intense focus on argument. Like other topically organized introductory philosophy readers, this book is organized around the existence of God, knowledge and skepticism, mind and body, free will and determinism, ethics, and contemporary ethical debates, including abortion, euthanasia, and global

hunger and poverty. 78 selections are grouped into six topical chapters-and the selections within those chapters are organized by argument. Vaughn's approach focuses students' attention on argumentation, where much of the philosophical work gets done.

Doing Ethics Lewis Vaughn 2012-09-15 The most accessible and practical introduction to ethical theory, moral issues, and moral reasoning. Doing Ethics emphasizes that moral decision-making is an active process--something one does. It provides students with the theoretical and logical tools that a morally mature person must bring to that process, and it offers an abundance of readings and case studies for consideration and discussion. Real-world relevance and practical pedagogy have made Doing Ethics a leading book in the field.

The Case for Animal Rights Tom Regan 1985 Examines the philosophical aspects of

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the treatment of animals and argues that animals have a basic moral right to respectful treatment

Bioethics Lewis Vaughn 2013-02 This new edition of *Bioethics*, like its predecessor, provides in-depth discussions of the medical, scientific, social, and legal aspects of controversial bioethical issues and combines this material with a comprehensive and varied collection of thought-provoking readings. This new iteration adds 13 new readings, gives greater emphasis to bioethical issues and concerns affecting nurses and other health care professionals, includes new material on issues related to culture and race, and provides step-by-step guidance on how to identify and evaluate moral arguments in real-world contexts (with accompanying exercises and answers in an appendix). [Philosophical Foundations of Discrimination Law](#) Deborah Hellman 2013-10 Until

recently, most legal scholarship on the philosophical foundations of discrimination law has focused on the logic and rationale underlying laws prohibiting various forms of discrimination including race, sex and disability discrimination. Philosophical inquiry relative to discrimination, by contrast, has approached these issues by asking what justice or fairness requires in the distribution of society's opportunities and resources. Contributors to this volume explore the following questions. Is discrimination a wrong akin to a tort, or should we instead see laws forbidding discrimination as grounded in a view about what social arrangements will produce the best outcomes for society as a whole? If it is a wrong, is it best thought of as an interference with liberty or as a violation of equality. Are these fruitful questions to ask, or is it impossible to offer a coherent theory of discrimination law? Finally, how do these

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inquiries help us to understand the moral issues raised by several timely issues in discrimination law

Writing Philosophy Lewis Vaughn

2006-01 *Writing Philosophy: A Student's Guide to Writing Philosophy Essays* is a concise, self-guided manual that covers the basics of argumentative essay writing and encourages students to master fundamental skills quickly, with minimal instructor input. Opening with an introductory chapter on how to read philosophy, the book then moves into the basics of writing summaries and analyzing arguments. It provides step-by-step instructions for each phase of the writing process, from formulating a thesis, to creating an outline, to writing a final draft, supplementing this tutorial approach with model essays, outlines, introductions, and conclusions. Skills essential to evaluating arguments, citing sources, avoiding plagiarism, detecting fallacies, and

formatting final drafts are dealt with in detail. The final two chapters serve as a reference guide to common mistakes and basic skills in sentence construction, writing style, and word choice. Employing a rulebook format similar to that of the classic *Elements of Style* (by Strunk, White, and Angell), Lewis Vaughn distills helpful writing advice into simple rules that students can easily remember and apply--and that instructors can refer to when reviewing student papers. These rules cover essay organization, sentence structure, documentation styles, plagiarism, grammar, usage, and more. Written in a clear and engaging style and incorporating samples of student writing, *Writing Philosophy* is an indispensable resource for virtually any philosophy course.

Philosophy Here and Now Lewis Vaughn

2021-06 "Philosophy Here and Now:

Powerful Ideas in Everyday Life, Fourth

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Edition, is a topically organized hybrid text/reader that helps students understand, appreciate, and even do philosophy. The book emphasizes philosophical writing, reinforced with step by step coaching in how to write argumentative essays and supported by multiple opportunities to hone critical thinking. It shows students how philosophy applies to their own lives and brings the subject to life with engaging chapter ending literary selections, abundant illustrations, and a wealth of pedagogical features"--

The Great Conversation Norman Melchert 2001

Killing and Letting Die Bonnie Steinbock 1994 "An excellent volume, which will be useful to both professional philosophers and students."-Ethics

Convergence Daniel J. Fick 2018-01-03 Philosophy and theology are important concepts for Christians. This important

work identifies how philosophy shapes theology, while also addressing various philosophical issues that arise within the Bible and theology. The hope is that this book will catapult the reader into critical thinking, while creating an appetite and appreciation for these separate yet similar disciplines.

Star Map Lewis Vaughn 2017-05-02 *Star Map: A Journey of Faith, Doubt, and Meaning* is a touching and deeply personal philosophical memoir about a young man's wrestling match with fanatical faith and his frantic search for truth and meaning. Against the backdrop of pressing social issues of the 1960s such as the Vietnam War and the civil rights movement, Lewis Vaughn's journey transforms him from a young Christian fundamentalist to a disillusioned agnostic to an atheist seeker of meaning in a godless world. A single horrifying moment begins the breakdown of

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his faith, and the following examination of his faith's tenets eventually erodes it completely. But the struggle to survive the ravages of doubt is only half the tale. After the collapse of his religious beliefs and the sense of purpose it imparted, he feverishly sets out to discover whether there could be any meaning in life at all without religion. Along the way he stumbles on the strongest empirical argument against the reliability of faith as a source of knowledge, and sees that life does indeed have meaning without religion. In the end, he never regains the faith he lost, but finds something better. *Concise Guide to Critical Thinking* Lewis Vaughn 2020-10 Lewis Vaughn's *Concise Guide to Critical Thinking, Second Edition*, offers a compact, clear, and economical introduction to critical thinking and argumentative writing. Based on his best-selling text, *The Power of Critical Thinking, Sixth Edition*, this affordable volume is

more manageable than larger textbooks yet more substantial than many of the smaller critical thinking handbooks. Optimize Student Learning with the Oxford Insight Study Guide All new print and digital copies of *Concise Guide to Critical Thinking, Second Edition*, include access to the Oxford Insight Study Guide, a data-driven, personalized digital learning tool that reinforces key concepts from the text and encourages effective reading and study habits. Developed with a learning-science-based design, Oxford Insight Study Guide engages students in an active and highly dynamic review of chapter content, empowering them to critically assess their own understanding of course material. Real-time, actionable data generated by student activity in the tool helps instructors ensure that each student is best supported along their unique learning path. Visit www.oup.com/he/vaughn_concise2e for a

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wealth of additional digital resources for students and instructors.

Bioethics Lewis Vaughn 2016-07-15

Bioethics: Principles, Issues, and Cases, Third Edition, explores the philosophical, medical, social, and legal aspects of key bioethical issues. Opening with a thorough introduction to ethics, bioethics, and moral reasoning, it then covers influential moral theories and the criteria for evaluating them. Integrating eighty-nine readings--twelve of them new to this edition--numerous classic bioethical cases, and abundant pedagogical tools, this text addresses the most provocative and controversial topics in bioethics.

PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES: "Classic Case Files" describe landmark cases that shaped the debate, while news-making "Cases for Evaluation" encourage students to form their own opinions Various text boxes: "In Depth" boxes contain additional material,

illustrations, or analyses, much of it "ripped from the headlines"; "Fact File" boxes provide statistics on the social, medical, and scientific facets of a chapter's topic; and "Legal Brief" boxes summarize important court rulings and the status of major legislation "Key Terms" are boldfaced and boxed off within the text and then defined in a glossary at the back of the book "Applying Major Theories" sections at the end of each chapter help students relate theories to the issues

Bioethics Lewis Vaughn 2019-06-28

Bioethics: Principles, Issues, and Cases, Fourth Edition, explores the philosophical, medical, social, and legal aspects of key bioethical issues. Opening with a thorough introduction to ethics, bioethics, and moral reasoning, it then covers influential moral theories and the criteria for evaluating them. Integrating eighty-seven readings--ten of them new to this edition--substantive

introductions to each issue, numerous classic bioethical cases, and abundant pedagogical tools, this text addresses the most provocative and controversial topics in bioethics.

Hollywood's Dirtiest Secret Hunter

Vaughan 2019-03-12 In an era when many businesses have come under scrutiny for their environmental impact, the film industry has for the most part escaped criticism and regulation. Its practices are more diffuse; its final product, less tangible; and Hollywood has adopted public-relations strategies that portray it as environmentally conscious. In *Hollywood's Dirtiest Secret*, Hunter Vaughan offers a new history of the movies from an environmental perspective, arguing that how we make and consume films has serious ecological consequences. Bringing together environmental humanities, science communication, and social ethics, *Hollywood's Dirtiest Secret* is

a pathbreaking consideration of the film industry's environmental impact that examines how our cultural prioritization of spectacle has distracted us from its material consequences and natural-resource use. Vaughan examines the environmental effects of filmmaking from Hollywood classics to the digital era, considering how popular screen media shapes and reflects our understanding of the natural world. He recounts the production histories of major blockbusters—*Gone with the Wind*, *Singin' in the Rain*, *Twister*, and *Avatar*—situating them in the contexts of the development of the film industry, popular environmentalism, and the proliferation of digital technologies. Emphasizing the materiality of media, Vaughan interweaves details of the hidden environmental consequences of specific filmmaking practices, from water use to server farms,

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within a larger critical portrait of social perceptions and valuations of the natural world.

Writing Philosophy Lewis Vaughn 2018 Writing Philosophy: A Student's Guide to Reading and Writing Philosophy Essays, Second Edition, is a concise, self-guided manual that covers how to read philosophy and the basics of argumentative essay writing. It encourages students to master fundamental skills quickly--with minimal instructor input--and provides step-by-step instructions for each phase of the writing process, from formulating a thesis, to creating an outline, to writing a final draft, supplementing this tutorial approach with model essays, outlines, introductions, and conclusions. Writing Philosophy is just \$5 when packaged with any Oxford University Press Philosophy text. Contact your Oxford representative for details and package ISBNs.

Wealth, Commerce, and Philosophy

Eugene Heath 2017-06-02 Humanomics in business ethics / Deirdre N. McCloskey -- Introduction / Eugene Heath and Byron Kaldis -- Wealth and commerce in archaic Greece: Homer and Hesiod / Mark S. Peacock -- Aristotle and business: friend or foe? / Fred D. Miller, Jr -- Confucian business ethics: possibilities and challenges / David Elstein and Qing Tian -- The earthly city and the ethics of exchange: spiritual, social, and material economy in Augustine's theological anthropology / Todd Breyfogle -- Thomas Aquinas: the economy at the service of justice and the common good / Martin Schlag -- The ethics of commerce in Islam: Ibn Khaldun's Muqaddimah revisited / Munir Quddus and Salim Rashid -- Hobbes's idea of moral conduct in a society of free individuals / Timothy Fuller -- John Locke's defense of commercial society: individual rights, voluntary cooperation,

and mutual gain / Eric Mack -- As free for
acorns as for honesty: Mandevillean
maxims for the ethics of commerce /
Eugene Heath -- "Commerce cures
destructive prejudices": Montesquieu and
the spirit of commercial society / Henry C.
Clark -- Hume on commerce, society, and
ethics / Christopher J. Berry -- The fortune
of others: Adam Smith and the beauty of
commerce / Douglas J. Den Uyl -- Why
Kant's insistence on purity of the will does
not preclude an application of Kant's ethics
to for-profit businesses / Norman Bowie --
Tocqueville: the corporation as an ethical
association / Alan S. Kahan -- J.S. Mill and
business ethics / Nicholas Capaldi -- Karl
Marx on history, capitalism, and ... business
ethics? -- William H. Shaw -- Friedrich
Hayek's defense of the market order /
Karen I. Vaughn -- The power and the limits
of Milton Friedman's arguments against
corporate social responsibility / Alexei

Marcoux -- Beyond the difference principle:
Rawlsian justice, business ethics, and the
morality of the market / Matt Zwolinski --
Commitments and corporate responsibility:
Amartya Sen on motivations to do good /
Ann E. Cudd

Utilitarianism John Stuart Mill 1887

Avoiding Politics Nina Eliasoph
1998-08-13 Vivid study of American civic
life, contrasting private politics and public
apathy.

Doing Ethics Lewis Vaughn 2013-08-15
The most accessible and practical
introduction to ethical theory, moral issues,
and moral reasoning. Doing Ethics
emphasizes that moral decision-making is
an active process? something one does. It
provides students with the theoretical and
logical tools that a morally mature person
must bring to that process, and it offers an
abundance of readings and case studies for
consideration and discussion. Real-world

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relevance and practical pedagogy have made *Doing Ethics* a leading book in the field.

The Methods of Ethics Henry Sidgwick 1874 This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important, and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. This work was reproduced from the original artifact, and remains as true to the original work as possible. Therefore, you will see the original copyright references, library stamps (as most of these works have been housed in our most important libraries around the world), and other notations in the work. This work is in the public domain in the United States of America, and possibly other nations. Within the United States, you may freely copy and distribute this work, as no entity (individual or corporate) has a copyright on the body of the work. As a reproduction of a historical artifact, this

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Walden Two B. F. Skinner 2005-07-15 A reprint of the 1976 Macmillan edition. This fictional outline of a modern utopia has been a center of controversy ever since its publication in 1948. Set in the United States, it pictures a society in which human problems are solved by a scientific technology of human conduct.

Living Philosophy Lewis Vaughn 2021 *Living Philosophy*, Third Edition, is a historically organized, introductory hybrid text/reader that guides students through the story of philosophical thought from the

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Pre-Socratics to the present, providing cultural and intellectual background and explaining why key issues and arguments remain important and relevant today. Featuring an exceptionally clear and accessible writing style, this unique volume brings philosophy to life with well-chosen excerpts from philosophers' works, abundant in-text learning aids, and compelling color photos and illustrations. *The God Dialogues* Torin Andrew Alter 2011 *The God Dialogues* is an intriguing and extensive philosophical debate about the existence of God. Engaging and accessible, it covers all the main arguments for and against God's existence, from traditional philosophical proofs to arguments that involve the latest developments in biology and physics. Three main characters represent the principal views: Theodore Logan, the theist; Eva Lucien, the atheist; and Gene Sesquois, the

agnostic. Their debate takes place during a post-college cross-country road trip during which Gene expresses dismay over his future. He wants to do something meaningful with his life but is at a loss as to how to proceed, despite having just earned a degree in engineering. Gene's quandary precipitates a discussion of the meaning of life and its connection to God's existence. This in turn leads to vigorous debates about morality and theism, evidence for and against God's existence, probability and the rationality of belief, and the relationship between faith and reason. The strongest arguments from all three perspectives are fairly represented. An annotated list of suggested readings directs readers to relevant and helpful primary sources. Assuming no background knowledge, *The God Dialogues* is ideal for courses in the philosophy of religion, an excellent supplement for introduction to philosophy

courses, and a compelling introduction for anyone with an interest in the subject. *How to Think about Weird Things* Theodore Schick 2010-05-01 This brief, inexpensive text helps the reader to think critically, using examples from the weird claims and beliefs that abound in our culture to demonstrate the sound evaluation of any claim. The authors focus on types of logical arguments and proofs, making *How to Think about Weird Things* a versatile supplement for logic, critical thinking, philosophy of science, or any other science appreciation courses.

The Power of Critical Thinking Lewis Vaughn 2012-08-31 *The Power of Critical Thinking: Effective Reasoning About Ordinary and Extraordinary Claims* explores the essentials of critical reasoning, argumentation, logic, and argumentative essay writing while also incorporating important topics that most other texts leave

out, such as "inference to the best explanation," scientific reasoning, evidence and authority, visual reasoning, and obstacles to critical thinking. The text integrates many pedagogical features, including hundreds of diverse exercises, examples, and illustrations; text boxes that apply critical thinking to student experience; step-by-step guidelines for evaluating claims, arguments, and explanations; a glossary of important terms; and many reminders, summaries, and review notes. New to this edition New sections on topics suggested by reviewers - The coverage now includes more discussion of legal reasoning, rhetorical ploys, informal fallacies, probability and statistics, and necessary and sufficient conditions. New Essays for Analysis - Nine essays, several of them by women authors, have been added to the collection of "Essays for Evaluation" in Appendix A (the

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total remains at twenty-one), each article accompanied by writing prompts and linked to writing assignments in every chapter. Four pairs of essays are arranged in a pro/con format, each pair debating a single issue. New topics include homosexuality, feminists and pornography, adultery, airport security screenings, women in Afghanistan, Islamic extremists and free speech, and fear of vaccines. New text boxes on current topics. The division of labor for the text boxes is the same, but some of the content is new. The three types of boxes are "Newsmakers" (discussions of current events and issues in the media illustrating a principle of critical thinking, ending with questions meant to encourage critical thought); "From the Web" (boxes concentrating on a lesson about critical thinking but drawing their material from websites and blogs); and "Further Thought" (informative boxes, designed to cover

interesting supplementary material not discussed in the main text). The chapter objectives now correspond to the point-by-point summary at the end of each chapter. Important Clarifications - The following discussions are now even clearer: scientific conservatism in theory choice, the relationship between enumerative induction and statistical syllogisms, and informal fallacies (the latter are given further treatment in an explanatory fallacies chart on the inside front cover). Some new discussions: the straw man fallacy, biased opinion polls, dishonest political discourse, and gut reactions and intuitions.

Philosophy Here and Now Lewis Vaughn 2013-06 *Philosophy Here and Now: Powerful Ideas in Everyday Life, International Edition*, is a hybrid text/reader that helps students understand, appreciate, and even do philosophy.

A Fortunate Life Robert Vaughn 2008-10-14

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A remarkable and delightful memoir of a life spent in the uppermost circles of acting, politics, and the world Robert Vaughn was born an actor. His family worked in the theater for generations, and he knew from the very start that he would join them. In his fifty-year career, Vaughn has made his mark in roles on stage, in film, and on television the world over. In *A Fortunate Life*, he describes some of the one-of-a-kind experiences he's enjoyed in his celebrated career. *A Fortunate Life* reveals the details of his early years in Hollywood, when he found himself appearing as often in the gossip magazines as on screen, and he recounts insider stories about such legendary figures as Judy Garland, Bette Davis, Charlton Heston, Oliver Reed, Jason Robards, Richard Harris, Yul Brynner, Elizabeth Taylor, and many more. Vaughn's work in *The Young Philadelphians*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *Superman III*, and many

other films won kudos from critics and peers alike. Worldwide recognition came when he starred in the smash hit series *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*, and he vividly describes the extraordinary experience of becoming, quite suddenly, one of the world's brightest stars. Vaughn warmly recalls his romances with stars like Natalie Wood and his adventures with friends like Steve McQueen and James Coburn, but equally important was his involvement in the politics of the 1960s. The first actor to publicly speak out against the war in Vietnam, he served as national chairman of Dissenting Democrats, the largest antiwar organization in the U.S. He gave hundreds of speeches denouncing the war, debated William F. Buckley on national TV, and helped persuade his friend Robert F. Kennedy to run for president in 1968---only to see the race end in tragedy. With a wealth of moving, wonderfully entertaining

and often jaw-dropping stories from the worlds of acting and politics, *A Fortunate Life* is a must-read for fans of Robert Vaughn and anyone who wants a glimpse behind the scenes of classic Hollywood. [Ethics for A-Level](#) Mark Dimmock 2017-07-31 What does pleasure have to do with morality? What role, if any, should intuition have in the formation of moral theory? If something is 'simulated', can it be immoral? This accessible and wide-ranging textbook explores these questions and many more. Key ideas in the fields of normative ethics, metaethics and applied ethics are explained rigorously and systematically, with a vivid writing style that enlivens the topics with energy and wit. Individual theories are discussed in detail in the first part of the book, before these positions are applied to a wide range of contemporary situations including business ethics, sexual ethics, and the

acceptability of eating animals. A wealth of real-life examples, set out with depth and care, illuminate the complexities of different ethical approaches while conveying their modern-day relevance. This concise and highly engaging resource is tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies, with a clear and practical layout that includes end-of-chapter summaries, key terms, and common mistakes to avoid. It should also be of practical use for those teaching Philosophy as part of the International Baccalaureate. *Ethics for A-Level* is of particular value to students and teachers, but Fisher and Dimmock's precise and scholarly approach will appeal to anyone seeking a rigorous and lively introduction to the challenging subject of ethics. Tailored to the Ethics components of AQA Philosophy and OCR Religious Studies. *Contemporary Moral Arguments* Lewis

Vaughn 2012-12-20 Taking a unique approach that emphasizes careful reasoning, this cutting-edge reader is structured around twenty-seven landmark arguments that have provoked heated debates on current ethical issues.

How to Think About Weird Things: Critical Thinking for a New Age Theodore Schick

2013-01-28 This concise and engaging text teaches the basic principles of good reasoning through an examination of widely held beliefs about the paranormal, the supernatural, and the mysterious. By explaining what distinguishes knowledge from opinion, science from pseudoscience, and evidence from hearsay, How to Think about Weird Things helps the reader develop the skills needed to tell the true from the false and the reasonable from the unreasonable.

Writing Philosophy Lewis Vaughn
2012-08-24 This concise manual deftly

guides students through the process of writing argumentative, exegetical, and expository essays. With a clear and engaging style, this second Canadian edition incorporates samples of student writing and an abundance of examples carefully chosen to resonate with post-secondary students, making it the ideal resource for any philosophy course.

A Companion to Ayn Rand Allan Gotthelf
2021-10-18 The first volume to offer a comprehensive scholarly treatment of Rand's entire corpus (including her novels, her philosophical essays, and her analysis of the events of her times), this Companion provides vital orientation and context for scholars and educated readers grappling with a controversial and understudied thinker whose enduring influence on American (and world) culture is increasingly recognized. The first publication to provide an in-depth scholarly

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treatment ranging over the whole of Rand's corpus Provides informed contextual analysis for scholars in a variety of disciplines Presents original research on unpublished material and drafts from the Rand archives in California Features insightful and fair-minded interpretations of Rand's controversial positions

Living Philosophy Lewis Vaughn
2017-06-30 Living Philosophy, Second Edition, is a historically organized, introductory hybrid text/reader that guides students through the story of philosophical thought from the Pre-Socratics to the present, providing cultural and intellectual background and explaining why key issues and arguments remain important and relevant today. Women philosophers are well represented throughout the text. They include Mary Wollstonecraft, Simone de Beauvoir, Hélène Cixous, Martha Nussbaum, Alison Jaggar, Annette Baier,

Virginia Held, and many more. Non-Western philosophers are also included: Avicenna, Averroës, Maimonides, Buddha, Lao-Tzu, and Confucius. Featuring an exceptionally clear and accessible writing style, this unique volume brings philosophy to life with well-chosen excerpts from philosophers' works, abundant in-text learning aids, and compelling color photos and illustrations. FEATURES * A comprehensive introductory chapter lays the groundwork for philosophical thinking * "Then and Now," "Details," and "Portrait" boxes throughout the text demonstrate the value and relevance of philosophy * Additional pedagogical aids--chapter objectives and summaries, marginal critical thinking questions, essay/discussion questions, and a glossary--make the material even more engaging and accessible * In-depth coverage of philosophical writing includes step-by-step

coaching in argument basics and multiple opportunities to hone critical thinking skills

* Charts, tables, and color photos keep

students visually engaged * A "How to Write a Philosophy Paper" appendix offers concise, step-by-step guidance in crafting an effective philosophical essay