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**Philosophy: The Basics** Nigel Warburton 2013-08-22 ‘Philosophy: The Basics deservedly remains the most recommended introduction to philosophy on the market. Warburton is patient, accurate and, above all, clear. There is no better short introduction to philosophy.’ - Stephen Law, author of The Philosophy Gym Philosophy: The Basics gently eases the reader into the world of philosophy. Each chapter considers a key area of philosophy, explaining and exploring the basic ideas and themes including: Can you prove God exists? How do we know right from wrong? What are the limits of free speech? Do you know how science works? Is your mind different from your body? Can you define art? How should we treat non-human animals? For the fifth edition of this best-selling book, Nigel Warburton has added an entirely new chapter on animals, revised others and brought the further reading sections up to date. If you’ve ever asked ‘what is philosophy?’, or wondered whether the world is really the way you think it is, this is the book for you.

**The Complete Philosophy Files** Stephen Law 2011-12-08 Is there a God, should I eat meat, where does the universe come from, could I live for ever as a robot? These are the big questions readers will be wrestling with in this thoroughly enjoyable book. Dip into any chapter and you will find lively scenarios and dialogues to take you through philosophical puzzles ancient and modern, involving virtual reality, science fiction and a host of characters from this and other planets. The text is interspersed on every page with lively cartoons, and there is a list of philosophical jargon at the end.. Stephen Law has a gift for communicating complex ideas. He offers few answers, but his unstuffy, highly personal approach will have the reader thinking and arguing with as much pleasure as he does himself.

**Into the Wild** Jon Krakauer 2018-07-12 With an introduction by novelist David Vann In April 1992, Chris McCandless set off alone into the Alaskan wild. He had given his savings to charity, abandoned his car and his possessions, and burnt the money in his wallet, determined to live a life of independence. Just four months later, Chris was found dead. An SOS note was taped to his makeshift home, an abandoned bus. In piecing together the final travels of this extraordinary young man's life, Jon Krakauer writes about the heart of the wilderness, its terribly beauty and its relentless harshness. Into the Wild is a modern classic of travel writing, and a riveting exploration of what drives some of us to risk more than we can afford to lose.

**The Book of Eli - Solara** Charles Hairston 2016-02-29 "The Book of Eli - Solara: The Verse of Shadow," is the story of Solara and her mission to save her blind mother from Carnegie. This story is a fan-told expansion of the original 2010 movie The Book of Eli starring Denzel Washington (Eli) and Mila Kunis (Solara). Throughout this book, the reader follows Solara as the main character and receives closure to the original story. This book will appeal to those who enjoy fan fiction.

**Philosophy** Nigel Warburton 2005 Nigel Warburton brings philosophy to life with an imaginative selection of philosophical writings on key topics. Philosophy: Basic Readings is the ideal introduction to some of the most accessible and thought-provoking pieces in philosophy, both contemporary and classic. The second edition of Philosophy: Basic Readings has been expanded to include new pieces in each major area of philosophy: · What is philosophy? · God · Right and wrong · The external world · Science · Mind · Art The readings in Philosophy: Basic Readings complement the chapters in Philosophy: The Basics (4th edition 2004).

**Fenomenologia delle autostrade italiane: vinci e svinci** Law Stephen 2003-07-17

**Philosophy** Nigel Warburton 2004 Philosophy: The Essential Study Guide is a compact and straightforward guide to the skills needed to study philosophy, aimed at anyone coming to the subject for the first time or just looking to improve their performance. Nigel Warburton clarifies what is expected of students and offers strategies and guidance to help them make effective use of their study time and improve their marks. The four main skills covered by the book are: reading philosophy - both skimming and in-depth analysis of historical and contemporary work, understanding the examples and terminology used listening to philosophy - formal lectures and informal classroom teaching, preparation, picking up on arguments used, note taking discussing philosophy - arguing and exploring, asking questions, communicating in concise and understandable ways writing philosophy - planning and researching essays and other written tasks, thinking up original examples, avoiding plagiarism.

**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** Mark Twain 2021-02-07 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (often shortened to Huck Finn) is a novel written by American humorist Mark Twain. It is commonly used and accounted as one of the first Great American Novels. It is also one of the first major American novels written using Local Color Regionalism, or vernacular, told in the first person by the eponymous Huckleberry "Huck" Finn, best friend of Tom Sawyer and hero of three other Mark Twain books.The book is noted for its colorful description of people and places along the Mississippi River. By satirizing Southern antebellum society that was already a quarter-century in the past by the time of publication, the book is an often scathing look at entrenched attitudes, particularly racism. The drifting journey of Huck and his friend Jim, a runaway slave, down the Mississippi River on their raft may be one of the most enduring images of escape and freedom in all of American literature.

**The Great Philosophers** Stephen Law 2013-02-28 Since the beginning of time mankind has struggled with the big questions surrounding our existence. Whilst most people have heard of Socrates, Machiavelli and Nietzsche, many are less clear on their theories and key concepts. In The Great Philosophers, bestselling author Stephen Law condenses and deciphers their fundamental ideas. Avoiding the technical jargon and complex logic associated with most books on philosophy, Law brings the thoughts of these great thinkers, from Confucius and Buddha to Wittgenstein and Sartre, to life.

**What's It All About?** Julian Baggini 2013-07-11 “Secular-minded readers seeking an alternative to The Purpose-Driven Life have an excellent starting point here.”—Publishers Weekly For readers who are serious about confronting the big issues in life—but are turned off by books which deal with them through religion, spirituality, or psychobabble, this is an honest, intelligent discussion by a philosopher that doesn't hide from the difficulties or make undeliverable promises. It aims to help the reader understand the overlooked issues behind the obvious questions, and shows how philosophy does not so much answer them as help provide us with the resources to answer them for ourselves. “Useful and provocative.”—The Wall Street Journal “Looking for a clear guide to what contemporary philosophy has to say about the meaning of life? Baggini takes us through all the plausible answers, weaving together Kierkegaard, John Stuart Mill, Monty Python, and Funkadelic in an entertaining but always carefully reasoned discussion.”—Peter Singer, author of How Are We To Live “The question of the meaning of life has long been a byword for pretentious rambling. It takes some nerve to tackle it in a brisk and no-nonsense fashion.”—New Statesman **Sophie's World** Jostein Gaarder 2010-07-15 The international bestseller about life, the universe and everything. When 14-year-old Sophie encounters a mysterious mentor who introduces her to philosophy, mysteries deepen in her own life. Why does she keep getting postcards addressed to another girl? Who is the other girl? And who, for that matter, is Sophie herself? To solve the riddle, she uses her new knowledge

of philosophy, but the truth is far stranger than she could have imagined. A phenomenal worldwide bestseller, SOPHIE'S WORLD sets out to draw teenagers into the world of Socrates, Descartes, Spinoza, Hegel and all the great philosophers. A brilliantly original and fascinating story with many twists and turns, it raises profound questions about the meaning of life and the origin of the universe.

**Fitness Confidential** Vinnie Tortorich 2013 "For decades, Vinnie Tortorich has been Hollywood's go-to guy for celebrities and athletes looking to get fit fast. Now, in this hilarious, R-rated memoir, Hollywood's most outrageous personal trainer exposes the fitness world while getting you into shape." --P. [4] of cover.

**The Sage Train** Nicky Hansell 2016-04-21 Friedrich Nietzsche is dead. Not only that, but he's lost and alone, climbing a mountain with no one to talk to. So, when he spies someone coming towards him, he's delighted. Surely this man is important; someone who walks his own path? The writer, G. K. Chesterton, is no Nietzschean hero. But he does have a knapsack of food. Its not long before some of history's greatest ever philosophers are seen winding their way towards them. The unlikely pair decide to visit the Sages; not in heaven but as they were on earth and embark on an extraordinary journey. Travelling with them, we meet the greats and see what their lives were about. Did you know, for example, that Thomas Hobbes was so scared of spirits that he slept with his servant at night, or that the great Immanuel Kant went for the same walk every day, so precisely that his neighbours could adjust their clocks? A blend of biography, philosophy and fiction, The Sage Train introduces the reader to the minds of these and other luminaries; Aristotle, John Stuart Mill, the pleasure seeker Aristippus, A J Ayer, Aquinas and Baruch Spinoza. Within each Sage's story the philosophy comes to life, allowing the reader to compare the ideas and how useful they still are today. Hailed as a triumph by teachers, students and dinner party guests, this book has a humorous, accessible tone that makes abstract ideas seem easy and shows how philosophical questions remain at the core of our lives.

**Really, Really Big Questions** Stephen Law 2009 An unusual and fun introduction to philosophy.

**The Philosophical Actor** Donna Soto-Morettini 2010 Donna Soto-Morettini has served as Director of Drama for the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama, Head of Acting for Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, and Head of Acting at the Central School of Speech and Drama. She is currently Casting Director and Performance Coach for Andrew Lloyd Webber and the BBC --Book Jacket.

**What Fresh Hell Is This?** Heather Corinna 2021-06-01 'This book feels like your best friend talking to you over drinks - if your best friend is a shit-talking, patriarchy-smashing, intersectionally feminist professor of the history of reproductive medicine and also an endocrinologist with a side hustle as a comedian.' - Dr Emily Nagoski, NYT bestselling author of Come As You Are What to Expect When You're Not Expected to Expect Anything Anymore Perimenopause and menopause experiences are as unique as all of us who move through them. While there's no one-size-fits-all, Heather Corinna tells you what can happen and what you can do to take care of yourself, all the while busting pernicious myths, offering real self-care tips - the kind that won't break the bank or your soul - and running the gamut from hot flashes to hormone therapy. With practical, clear information and support, inclusive of those with disabilities, queer, transgender, nonbinary and other gender-diverse people, people of colour, working class and others who have long been left out of the discussion, What Fresh Hell Is This? is the cooling pillow and empathetic best friend to help you through the fire.

**Peer to Peer Accommodation Networks** Sara Dolnicar 2017-12-01 The first book to present a new conceptual framework which offers an initial explanation for the continuing and rapid success of such 'disruptive innovators' and their effects on the international hospitality industry. It discusses all the hot topics in this area, with a specific focus on Airbnb, in the international context.

**The War for Children's Minds** Stephen Law 2006-10-01 First Published in 2007. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

**A Little History of Philosophy** Nigel Warburton 2011-10-25 Philosophy begins with questions about the nature of reality and how we should live. These were the concerns of Socrates, who spent his days in the ancient Athenian marketplace asking awkward questions, disconcerting the people he met by showing them how little they genuinely understood. This engaging book introduces the great thinkers in Western philosophy and explores their most compelling ideas about the world and how best to live in it. In forty brief chapters, Nigel Warburton guides us on a chronological tour of the major ideas in the history of philosophy. He provides interesting and often quirky stories of the lives and deaths of thought-provoking philosophers from Socrates, who chose to die by hemlock poisoning rather than live on without the freedom to think for himself, to Peter Singer, who asks the disquieting philosophical and ethical questions that haunt our own times. Warburton not only makes philosophy accessible, he offers inspiration to think, argue, reason, and ask in the tradition of Socrates. A Little History of Philosophy presents the grand sweep of humanity's search for philosophical understanding and invites all to join in the discussion.

**Illusions** Richard Bach 1977 In the cloud-washed airspace between the cornfields of Illinois and blue infinity, a man puts his faith in the propeller of his biplane. For disillusioned writer and itinerant barnstormer Richard Bach, belief is as real as a full tank of gas and sparks firing in the cylinders...until he meets Donald Shimoda--former mechanic and self-described messiah who can make wrenches fly and Richard's imagination soar.... In Illusions, the unforgettable follow-up to his phenomenal bestseller Jonathan Livingston Seagull, Richard Bach takes to the air to discover the ageless truths that give our souls wings: that people don't need airplanes to soar...that even the darkest clouds have meaning once we lift ourselves above them... and that messiahs can be found in the unlikelyst places--like hay fields, one-traffic-light midwestern towns, and most of all, deep within ourselves.

**Philosophy in Schools** Sara Goering 2013 All of us ponder the big and enduring human questions--Who am I? Am I free? What should I do? What is good? Is there justice? Is life meaningful?--but this kind of philosophical interrogation is rarely carefully explored or even taken seriously in most primary and secondary school settings. However, introducing philosophy to young people well before they get to college can help to develop and deepen critical and creative thinking, foster social and behavioral skills, and increase philosophical awareness. Philosophy in Schools: An Introduction Philosophers and Teachers is an invaluable resource for students and practitioners who wish to learn about the philosophy for children movement, and how to work its principles into their own classroom activities. The volume provides a wealth of practical information, including how to train educators to incorporate philosophy into their daily lessons, best practices and activity ideas for every grade level, and assessment strategies. With contributions from some of the best practitioners of philosophy for children, Philosophy in Schools is a must-have resource for students of philosophy and education alike.

**Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma** Richard van de Lagemaat 2014-11-20 Written by experienced practitioners this resource for Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma offers comprehensive coverage of and support for the new subject guide. This edition of Theory of Knowledge for the IB Diploma is fully revised for first examination in September 2015. The coursebook is a comprehensive, original and

accessible approach to Theory of Knowledge, which covers all aspects of the revised subject guide. A fresh design ensures the content is accessible and user friendly and there is detailed guidance on how to approach the TOK essay and presentation. This edition supports the stronger emphasis on the distinction between personal and shared knowledge and the new areas of knowledge: religion and indigenous knowledge.

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* Sherman Alexie 2012-01-10 Bestselling author Sherman Alexie tells the story of Junior, a budding cartoonist growing up on the Spokane Indian Reservation. Determined to take his future into his own hands, Junior leaves his troubled school on the rez to attend an all-white farm town high school where the only other Indian is the school mascot. Heartbreaking, funny, and beautifully written, *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, which is based on the author's own experiences, coupled with poignant drawings by Ellen Forney that reflect the character's art, chronicles the contemporary adolescence of one Native American boy as he attempts to break away from the life he was destined to live. With a forward by Markus Zusak, interviews with Sherman Alexie and Ellen Forney, and four-color interior art throughout, this edition is perfect for fans and collectors alike.

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**Philosophy** Stephen Law 2008-07-01 Examine the ideas and traditions of Western and Eastern thought 'Packed with all the information, advice and tips you'll need to get on your way.' Good times July/Aug "Eyewitness Companions offer an essential reference library, perfect for novices or anyone who must want to know more about their favourite pastime." Heyday A demystifying guide to a misunderstood subject. Learn to understand the major issues, theories and problems at the heart of philosophy and watch hard-to-grasp concepts come to life. Discover philosophers answers to the 'big questions' Where do we come from? What is the perfect model for society? What is the meaning of life? Discover who's who and know all the major thinkers, from Aristotle to Zeno. Use the 'toolkit' to exercise your mind, learn to talk the talk and construct and communicate philosophical arguments. Start reading, start thinking.

**Trailblazers in Philosophy** Jeremy Stangroom 2014-12-15 Philosophy raises some fascinating and mind-boggling questions, thorny existential puzzles that have perplexed and troubled humanity for millennia. This concise book approaches fifty of the most perplexing problems of all time and shows how they have been addressed, if not solved, by some of the greatest minds in history. Readers enjoy lively biographical overviews of some of the most thought-provoking philosophers of the last 2000 years. Each chapter focuses on a featured theory and highlights the most intriguing thinkers working within that particular area and the most brilliant ideas that resulted from their inquiries. The Blueprint Wesley Cross 2021-05-17 Corporate warfare.Human augmentation.Find out if Jason Hunt can beat the impossible odds in this high-octane science-fiction thriller. There's a corporate cabal that wants to rule the world. Some might say it has been doing it already for decades by whatever means necessary. But they are no longer content to hide in the shadows. They want to become true masters. Jason Hunt knows nothing about that world. But when his wife becomes ill, he finds himself pitted against the cabal that might hold the key to her survival. To save her, he needs to embrace technology he doesn't understand, take over a billion-dollar company without a billion dollars, outsmart professional assassins, and land a contract with the DOD. But even that might not be enough. THE BLUEPRINT is the first book in the internationally best-selling UPGRADE series, set in a dark, near-future world that will appeal to fans of Michael Crichton, Robert Ludlum, and William Gibson.

**Anathem** Neal Stephenson 2010-08-01 The latest magnificent creation from the award-winning author of *Cryptonomicon* and the Baroque Cycle trilogy. Erasmus, 'Raz', is a young avout living in the Concent, a sanctuary for mathematicians, scientists, and philosophers. Three times during history's darkest epochs, violence has invaded and devastated the cloistered community. Yet the avout have always managed to adapt in the wake of catastrophe. But they now prepare to open the Concent's gates to the outside world, in celebration of a once-a-decade rite. Suddenly, Erasmus finds himself a major player in a drama that will determine the future of his world - as he sets out on an extraordinary odyssey that will carry him to the most dangerous, inhospitable corners of the planet...and beyond.

**Radical Markets** Eric A. Posner 2018-05-15 Revolutionary ideas on how to use markets to bring about fairness and prosperity for all Many blame today's economic inequality, stagnation, and political instability on the free market. The solution is to rein in the market, right? Radical Markets turns this thinking—and pretty much all conventional thinking about markets, both for and against—on its head. The book reveals bold new ways to organize markets for the good of everyone. It shows how the emancipatory force of genuinely open, free, and competitive markets can reawaken the dormant nineteenth-century spirit of liberal reform and lead to greater equality, prosperity, and cooperation. Eric Posner and Glen Weyl demonstrate why private property is inherently monopolistic, and how we would all be better off if private ownership were converted into a public auction for public benefit. They show how the principle of one person, one vote inhibits democracy, suggesting instead an ingenious way for voters to effectively influence the issues that matter most to them. They argue that every citizen of a host country should benefit from immigration—not just migrants and their capitalist employers. They propose leveraging antitrust laws to liberate markets from the grip of institutional investors and creating a data labor movement to force digital monopolies to compensate people for their electronic data. Only by radically expanding the scope of markets can we reduce inequality, restore robust economic growth, and resolve political conflicts. But to do that, we must replace our most sacred institutions with truly free and open competition—Radical Markets shows how.

*What Am I Doing with My Life?* Stephen Law 2019-08-08 Life philosophy based on Google searches Have I found 'the one'? Am I a psychopath? Should I be allowed to say whatever I want? Millions of people ask Google all sorts of questions, everything from the big and small. Responding to the biggest, existential questions asked online and using the wisdom of Plato, Kant, Kierkegaard and other philosophical greats philosopher, academic, and all-round polymath, Stephen Law, undertakes the challenge and explores our modern-day concerns with tongue-in-cheek sagacity. No matter what you've googled in a midnight moment of existential despair, this book will answer all your burning questions.

*School, Family, and Community Partnerships* Joyce L. Epstein 2018-07-19 Strengthen family and community engagement to promote equity and increase student success! When schools, families, and communities collaborate and share responsibility for students' education, more students succeed in school. Based on 30 years of research and fieldwork, this fourth edition of a bestseller provides tools and guidelines to use to develop more effective and equitable programs of family and community engagement. Written by a team of well-known experts, this foundational text demonstrates a proven approach to implement and sustain inclusive, goal-oriented programs. Readers will find: Many examples and vignettes Rubrics and checklists for implementation of plans CD-ROM complete with slides and notes for workshop presentations

*The 12-Minute Athlete* Krista Stryker 2020-03-31 Unlock your athletic potential and get into the best shape of your life with Krista Stryker's

HIIT and bodyweight workouts—all of which can be done in just minutes a day! If you've ever thought you couldn't get results without spending hours in the gym, that you'd never be able to do a pull-up, or that it's too late to get in your best shape ever, *The 12-Minute Athlete* will change your mind, your body, and your life. Get serious results with high-intensity interval training (HIIT) workouts that can be done in just minutes a day. Give up the excuses and learn to use your own bodyweight and a few basic pieces of portable equipment for short, incredibly effective workouts. Reset your mindset, bust through mental blocks, and set meaningful goals you'll actually accomplish. You can finally ditch the dieting and enjoy food as fuel with simple eating guidelines to the 80/20 rule. In *The 12-Minute Athlete* you'll also find: –A guide to basic calisthenics and bodyweight exercises for any fitness level –Progressive exercises to achieve seemingly “impossible” feats like pistol squats, one-arm push-ups, pull-ups, and handstands –More than a dozen simple and healthy recipes that will fuel your workouts –Two 8-week workout plans for getting fitter, faster, and stronger –Bonus Tabata workouts –And so much more! *The 12-Minute Athlete* is for men and women, ex-athletes and new athletes, experienced athletes and “non-athletes”—for anyone who has a body and wants to get stronger and start living their healthiest life.

**Shades of Sydney** Brittney Coon 2016-01-05 Sydney West enjoys sampling summer boys, but this year, one refuses to be a one-night stand... Twenty-one-year-old Sydney doesn't believe in relationships. Her parents' toxic divorce has taught her love is nothing but a sinister fairytale. So every summer she parties, hooks up, abandons her lover before dawn, and repeats. That is until she meets gorgeous local surfer Jason King at the beach... When Jason fails to flirt-or even give her a second glance-she decides something must be wrong with him, and it's safer to stay away. But when Sydney and Jason's best friends hook up and become Malibu's hottest couple, they are forced to spend more time together than either of them cares for. Armed with a sharp tongue, Sydney works to keep Jason at bay... In a moment of weakness, Sydney lets her guard down and confides in Jason, realizing he's more than just a hot guy-he's also a friend. And when Sydney's need for a summer boy results in her falling into bed with Jason, despite her better judgment, she runs away from him by morning. The problem is, he won't accept being another one-night stand, and will do anything to prove... Love really does exist.

**The Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book Three: Titan's Curse** Rick Riordan 2007-05 When the goddess Artemis disappears while hunting a rare, ancient monster, a group of her followers joins Percy and his friends in an attempt to find and rescue her before the winter solstice, when her influence is needed to sway the Olympian Council regarding the war with the Titans.

**Power of the Fitness Mind** Charlie S. Dannelly 2017-03-02 The Ultimate Guide for Improving Every Part of Your Life by Creating a Fitness Mindset What is Holding You Back in Your Life? Have you tried diet and exercise programs before, only to find you can never stick with anything, or that the weight just won't come off? Or maybe you're physically fit but nothing else in life is quite adding up. You are not alone. Every year people all over the world commit themselves to living a healthier life and shedding their extra weight, and every year most people fail. If this describes you, you need this book. The reason you have failed in your other efforts is because none of those other programs showed you the secret to fitness success. They only gave you part of the puzzle. This book shows you that the real power to get healthy, physically fit, and lose weight is your mindset. Author, and personal trainer, Charlie S. Dannelly II teaches you the secrets to developing a fitness mindset inside his powerful book, *Power of the Fitness Mind*. Inside you will discover: -What fitness really means -How to lose weight -How to become healthier, stronger, happier, and wealthier -How to improve your spiritual fitness -The relationship between fitness and the power of attraction -How to improve and sustain your fitness focus -How to gain financial fitness -Why fitness makes you smarter -The secrets of nutritional fitness -How to get fitness minded results -And Much More If you are tired of failing and want to unlock your full potential in every area of your life, you cannot afford to miss this book. Everything you need to develop the body of your dreams, and the life you have always known you were meant to live, is in this book. There are many fitness and financial gurus out there who will try and sell you some magic formula for getting what you want. But, most of these so-called experts only focus on a small piece of what you need to succeed. The body, mind, and soul must all work together to fully achieve what you are capable of physically, mentally, spiritually, and financially. It's time for you to get in the fitness mindset.

*The Philosophy Gym* Stephen Law 2004 Where did the universe come from? Is time travel possible? Are genetically designed babies morally acceptable? If you have ever asked yourself such questions, then you have already begun to think philosophically. This book is for those who want to take the next step. Stephen Law poses questions about some of the most important philosophical issues of today - and of yesterday. Light-hearted questions about whether a pickled sheep is really art rub shoulders with more profound and time-honoured fears about whether God exists. In this radically new way of looking at philosophy, Stephen Law illustrates the problem with a story then lets both sides of the argument battle it out in clear, easily digestible and intelligent prose. And, by separating each issue into a distinct section, it is possible to dip in and out of in any order and at any time you like!

**The Physical Educator's Big Book of Sport Lead-up Games** Guy Bailey 2004 A comprehensive resource of physical education games designed to help children in grades K-8 develop the skills important to performing a wide variety of team and lifetime sports.

*Tropic of Cancer (Harper Perennial Modern Classics)* Henry Miller 2012-01-30 Miller's groundbreaking first novel, banned in Britain for almost thirty years.

**The Big Think Book** Peter Cave 2015-10-01 What makes me, me - and you, you? What is this thing called 'love'? Does life have a point? Is 'no' the right answer to this question? Philosophy transports us from the wonderful to the weird, from the funny to the very serious indeed. With the aid of tall stories, jokes, fascinating insights and common sense, Peter Cave offers a comprehensive survey of all areas of philosophy, addressing the big puzzles in ethics and politics, metaphysics and knowledge, religion and the emotions, aesthetics and logic. Replete with a smorgasbord of amusing and mind-boggling examples, *The Big Think Book* is perfect for anyone who delights in life's conundrums.

The Xmas Files Stephen Law 2011-12-15 A philosophical but fun look at the meanings of Christmas myths and rituals, from carving the turkey to why Santa wears red. Picture the scene: Aunt Gertrude has just given you the most appalling Christmas tie, complete with snow-flecked kittens in a bowler hat. Do you smile, nod, and confine it to the bottom drawer? Or do you tell the truth and spare yourself future ties from hell? Kant would say that we must, at all costs, tell the truth - whilst Mill would insist that we should think of the consequences. THE XMAS FILES is a philosophical meander through the myths and rituals of Christmas today, asking such important questions as does Santa exist? What's wrong with Christmas kitsch? Is it all just a commercial racket? What was Augustine's attitude to 'peace on earth'? And what would David Hume have to say about the virgin birth? For underneath all the festive fun, the way we celebrate Christmas does raise serious questions about the beliefs that sustain us, and the ways in which we still value ritual and tradition as a means of coming together.