

PHILOSOPHY READING LIST

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

General introductions

There are about 30 OUP *Very Short Introductions* to various types and periods of philosophy. Try and read some of them on areas that take your fancy. They include Edward Craig, *Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*.

The on-line, open access Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy provides an excellent way to see how philosophers today discuss different aspects of the subject. You may find general entries such as 'Metaphysics' and 'Epistemology' particularly useful.

You might also look at Thomas Nagel, *What Does it All Mean?* (OUP).

Some contemporary books on specific areas:

Metaphysics and the Philosophy of Mind

Earl Conee and Theodore Sider, *Riddles of Existence* (OUP)

Tim Crane, *The Mechanical Mind* (Routledge)

Logic and Language

R M Sainsbury, *Paradoxes* (Cambridge University Press)

Ethics and Political Philosophy

Peter Singer, *Practical Ethics* (CUP)

Bernard Williams, *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy* (Routledge)

Jonathon Wolff, *An Introduction to Political Philosophy* (OUP)

Phil Parvin and Clare Chambers, *Teach Yourself Political Philosophy: A Complete Introduction* (Hodder & Stoughton)

Also, the Philosophy Bites series of podcasts and books.

<http://www.philosophybites.com>

Philosophy in its History: -

Philosophy has a world-wide, centuries-long tradition, and much of the best philosophical thinking was done in the past. Almost any printed History of Philosophy will give you a very narrow view of the field. Instead, go to the Philosophy without Any Gaps website (<https://historyofphilosophy.net/>) and explore. Don't just listen to the podcasts. Choose whatever texts you think might interest you and read the whole of them.

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