



KEY STAGE 4 POTENTIAL HIGH ACHIEVERS READING LIST

For

RELIGIOUS STUDIES, PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS

BOOK LIST

THE PHILOSOPHY GYM - 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!

Publisher: Headline Publishing Group

ISBN: 9780747232711

THE PIG WHO WANTS TO BE EATEN - Is it right to eat a pig that wants to be eaten? Are you really reading this book cover, or are you in a simulation? If God is all-powerful, could he create a square circle? Here are 100 of the most intriguing thought experiments from the history of philosophy and ideas - questions to leave you inspired, informed and scratching your head, dumbfounded.

Publisher: Granta Books

ISBN: 9781847081285

RELIGION FOR ATHEISTS - All of us, whether religious, agnostic or atheist, are searching for meaning. And in this wise and life-affirming book, non-believer Alain de Botton both rejects the supernatural claims of the major religions and points out just how many good ideas they sometimes have about how we should live. And he suggests that non-believers can learn and steal from them. Picking and choosing from the thousands of years of advice assembled by the world's great religions, Alain de Botton presents a range of fascinating ideas and practical insights on art, community, love, friendship, work, life and death. He shows how they can be of use to us all, irrespective of whether we do or don't believe.

Publisher: Penguin Books Ltd

ISBN: 9780141046310

WAR DOCTOR - For more than twenty-five years, David Nott has taken unpaid leave from his job as a general and vascular surgeon with the NHS to volunteer in some of the world's most dangerous war zones. War Doctor is his extraordinary story.

Publisher: Pan Macmillan

ISBN: 9781509837052

HOW THE WORLD THINKS – In this ground-breaking global overview of philosophy, Julian Baggini travels the world to provide a wide-ranging map of human thought. One of the great unexplained wonders of human history is that written philosophy flowered entirely separately in China, India and Ancient Greece at more or less the same time. These early philosophies have had a profound impact on the development of distinctive cultures in different parts of the world. What we call 'philosophy' in the West is not even half the story. Julian Baggini sets out to expand our horizons in *How the World Thinks*, exploring the philosophies of Japan, India, China and the Muslim world, as well as the lesser-known oral traditions of Africa and Australia's first peoples.

Publisher: Granta Books

ISBN: 9781783782307

THE LITTLE HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY - 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. 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.

Publisher: Yale University Press

ISBN: 9780300187793

NOT IN GOD'S NAME - Despite predictions of continuing secularisation, the twenty-first century has witnessed a surge of religious extremism and violence in the name of God. In this powerful and timely book, Jonathan Sacks explores the roots of violence and its relationship to religion, focusing on the historic tensions between the three Abrahamic faiths: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Drawing on arguments from evolutionary psychology, game theory, history, philosophy, ethics and theology, Sacks shows how a tendency to violence can subvert even the most compassionate of religions. Through a close reading of key biblical texts at the heart of the Abrahamic faiths, Sacks then challenges those who claim that religion is intrinsically a cause of violence, and argues that theology must become part of the solution if it is not to remain at the heart of the problem. For the sake of humanity and the free world, the time has come for people of all faiths and none to stand together and declare: Not In God's Name.

Publisher: Hodder & Stoughton

ISBN: 9781473616530

ANIMAL LIBERATION - In the decades since this landmark classic first appeared, some public attitudes to animals may have changed but our continued abuse of animals in factory farms and as tools for research shows that the underlying ideas Singer exposes as ethically indefensible are still dominating the way we treat animals. As Yuval Harari's brilliantly argued introduction makes clear, this book is as relevant now as the day it was written.

Publisher: Vintage Publishing

ISBN: 9781847923844

ME BEFORE YOU - One of Britain's most popular novelists, Jojo Moyes worked variously as a minicab controller and brochure writer for Club 18-30 before winning a bursary to attend a course in journalism. After a decade as a successful journalist, she turned to writing fiction with her first book *Sheltering Rain*. She won the hearts of legions of readers with her poignant novel *Me Before You*, introducing the

popular character Lou Clark whose story continues in the follow-up novels *After You* and *Still Me*.
Publisher: Penguin Books Ltd

ISBN: 9780718157838

UNDER THE WIG - In this memoir, murder case lawyer William Clegg revisits his most intriguing trials, from the acquittal of Colin Stagg to the shooting of Jill Dando, to the man given life because of an ear print. All the while he lays bare the secrets of his profession, from the rivalry among barristers to the nervous moments before a verdict comes back, and how our right to a fair trial is now at risk. *Under the Wig* is for anyone who wants to know the reality of a murder trial. It has been praised as "gripping" by *The Times*, "riveting" by the *Sunday Express* and "fascinating" by the *Secret Barrister*, who described the author as "one of our country's greatest jury advocates." Several prominent barristers, including Matthew Scott and Bob Marshall -Andrews QC, have said *Under the Wig* is a "must read" for anyone with an interest in the criminal law. Switch off the TV dramas and see real criminal law in action.

Publisher: Quercus Publishing

ISBN: 9781529401240

PIG HEARTH BOY - You're thirteen. All you want is a normal life. But most normal kids don't need heart transplants. So there's this doctor. He says there's a chance for you. But he also says it's experimental, controversial and risky. And it's never been done before. Shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal, this is a powerful, thought-provoking story from the award-winning Malorie Blackman.

Publisher: Penguin Random House Children's UK

ISBN: 9780552551663

FILMS

1984 - Totalitarianism

A Jihad for Love - Islam - Sexuality

A Life Less Ordinary - Christianity - Life After Death

A Matter of Life and Death - Christianity - Life After Death

A Short Stay in Switzerland, 15 - Christianity - Assisted Suicide

A Walk to Remember, PG - Christianity - Atonement

All Dogs Go to Heaven - Life after death

American History X, 18 - Judaism - Nazism

Angels and Demons, PG - Christianity

Animal Farm - Totalitarianism

Atonement - Atonement

Avatar - Stewardship, ecology

Back to the Future - Christianity - Trinity

Bend it Like Beckham, PG - Sikhism

Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey - Life After Death

Black Narcissus - Christianity

Blues Brothers - Christianity

Bowling for Columbine - Gun Crime

Boy in the Stripped, PG - Judaism - Holocaust

Bride and Prejudice, 12 - Hinduism

Bruce Almighty, PG - Christianity Playing God

Chariots of Fire, Christianity - Judaism

Cider House Rules, PG - Abortion

City of Angels - Christianity - Life After Death

Clash of the Titans - God's wrath

Contact - Belief and Proof

Contantine - Christianity Life After Death
Crash, 15 - Racism
Creation - Christianity - Evolution
Dante's Inferno - Life After Death
Dead Man Walking, 15 - Christianity - Capital Punishment
Dead Poet's Society - Christianity - Suicide
Dirty Dancing,12 - Christianity - Abortion
Dogma,18 - Christianity Satire
East is East - Islam Wedding
Eight Crazy Nights,12 - Judaism Hannukah
Ella Enchanted, U - Free Will
End of Days, 18 - Christianity - End of days
Equilibrium, 15 - Totalitarianism
Evan Almighty, PG - Christianity Old Testament
Exodus,- PG Judaism Moses
Fiddler on the Roof- Judaism
Flint Street Nativity, PG - Christianity Christmas
Four Weddings and a Funeral Wedding
Gandhi, PG - Hinduism Key Figure
Ghost - Life After Death
Ghost Town - Life After Death
Ghostbusters, Sikhism Gurus
Gran Torino - Atonement
Groundhog Day - Karma and samara
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, PG - Prejudice
Holy Man Christianity - Messiah
Holy Smoke - Cult
Hot Fuzz, 15 - Greater Good
Hotel Rwanda - Genocide
House of Sand and Fog,15 - Assisted Suicide
Hunchback of Notre Dame - Christianity - Prejudice
I, Robot, 12 - Free Will
Ice Age, U - Christianity Conversion
Inception
Indiana Jones: Kingdom - Sikhism Gurus
Indiana Jones: Raiders, PG - Judaism Moses
It's a Wonderful Life - Suicide
Jerry Springer the Opera, 18 - Christianity Controversial
Jesus Christ Superstar, PG - Christianity Life of Jesus
John Q,15 - Assisted Suicide
Joseph and the Amazing Technicoloured Dreamcoat - Judaism -Old Testament
Joseph King of Dreams, U - Christianity Old Testament
Jump,15 - Judaism - Nazism
Jurassic Park - Christianity Trinity
Just Like Heaven, PG - Christianity - Assisted Suicide
Keeping the Faith, 12 - Christianity - Community Cohesion
Kingdom of Heaven, 15 - Christianity
Leap of Faith, PG - Christianity Faith
Legally Blonde, PG - Prejudice
Les Miserables - Christianity - Atonement
Little Buddha PG - Buddhism - Key Figure
Little Nicky Christianity - Life After Death
Lord of the Rings

Lone Survivor
PG
Ethics & War
Resurrection
Lucky Number Slevin 18 Judaism Sabbath
Machine Gun Preacher
Malcolm X 15
Matrix Buddhism Perseption
Memento 15 Identity
Million Dollar Baby 12 Christianity Assisted Suicide
Millions 12 Christianity Saints
Miracle Maker U Christianity Life of Jesus
Mishma: A Life in Four Chapters Hinduism Ashrama
Monty Python and the Holy Grail Christianity Holy Grail
Monty Python and the Life of Brian Christianity Life of Jesus
Multiplicity Cloning
My Big Fat Greek Wedding 12 Christianity Wedding
My Name is Khan Islam
My Sister's Keeper Medical Ethics
Narnia PG Christianity Atonement
Nuns on the Run Christianity Convent Life
Passion of the Christ 18 Christianity Life of Jesus
Pay it Forward Kindness
Pirates of the Caribbean Christianity Resurrection
Pirates of the Caribbean Christianity Trinity
Point Break 18 Buddhism
Prince of Eygpt U Judaism Moses
Push Assisted Suicide
Religulous All Satire
Robin Hood Christianity Friar
Robin Hood: Men in Tights Judaism Rabbi
Saturday Night, Sunday Morning PG Abortion
Saved 15 Christianity Pregnancy
School Ties PG Judaism Prejudice
Seven Christianity Deadly Sins
Seven Pounds Atonement
Seven Years in Tibet PG Buddhism journey
Selma
Shindler's List 15 Judaism Holocaust
Short Circuit U Being human
Shrek U Prejudice
Signs 12 Christianity Loosing Faith
Simon Birch PG Faith
Sister Act Christianity Convent Life
Slumdog Millionaire 12 Hinduism
Snow Cake 15 Atonement
Solomon Kane 15 Christianity Atonement
Something the Lord Made 15 Christianity Medical Ethics
Sound of Music Christianity Nun
Spiderman Christianity Trinity
Star Trek: Search for Spock Christianity Genesis
Star Trek: The Final Frontier Search for God
Star Trek: The Wrath of Khan Medical Ethics

Star Wars Empire and Return PG Christianity Atonement
Star Wars Empire and Return PG Christianity Conversion
Stigmata 18 Christianity Stigmata
Suzie Gold 15 Judaism living faith
Team America 15 War/ Satire
The Believer 15 Judaism Fascism
the Bible: Jesus U Christianity Life of Jesus
The Book of Eli Christianity Sacred Texts
The Colour Purple Atonement
The Cup Buddhism
The Da Vinci Code 12 Christianity
The Dangerous Lives of Altat Boys Christianity Convent Life
The Devil's Advocate Christianity Satan, end of days
The Fall Assissted Suicide
The Fisher King Christianity Holy Grail
The Frighteners
Buddhism
Life After Death
The Golden Child
The Good Place
PG
Heaven/Hell
The Greatest Story Ever Told Christianity Jesus
The Green Mile Capital Punishment
The Jazz Singer Judaism Shofar
The Last Temptation of Christ Christianity Life of Jesus
The Life of David Gale Assisted Suicide/ Capital Punishment
The Lovely Bones Life After Death
The Magdalene Sisters 18 Christianity
The Man Who Sued God Christianity Natural Disasters
The Message PG Islam Founder
The Mnchurian Candidate Communism
The Mummy 15 Judaism Moses
The Nativity U Christianity Christmas
The Nativity Story PG Christianity Christmas
The Omen 18 Christianity Satan, end of days
The Pianist 15 Judaism Holocaust
The Pope Must Die Christianity Satire
The Prestige Suicide
The Reaping 15 Christianity Moses
The Reckoning Redemption
The Robe Christianity Life of Jesus
The Shawshank Redemption Redemption
The Sixth Day 15 Cloning
The Sixth Sense Life after death
The Ten Commandments U Judaism Moses
The Wave 15 Judaism Nazism
Transformers: The Revenge of the Fallen Christianity Resurrection
Truman Show PG Buddhism Perception
V for Vendetta Totalitarianism
Valkyrie 12 Nazism
Vera Drake Christianity Abortion
Whale Rider PG Messiah

What Dreams May Come 15 Life after death
What Just Happened? Judaism Funeral
Whistle Down the Wind Christianity Jesus X-Men 12 Prejudice
Yentl Judaism Sexuality
Zathura Atonement