

Moral Philosophy

GENERAL INTRODUCTIONS

- Baggini, J. *Philosophy: Key Themes*, Palgrave MacMillan 2002: written for the A level
- Benn, P. *Ethics*, UCL Press 1998: a careful and accurate introduction across the whole range of normative and metaethical issues.
- Bennett, C. *What is This Thing Called Ethics?*, Routledge 2010: lots of student-friendly features
- Blackburn, S. *Being Good*, OUP 2001: a lively, engaging, and quick introduction to the main issues of ethics, written in a very clear style.
- Blackburn, S. *Ethics: a Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2003
- Cave, P. *Ethics*, Oneworld 2015
- Jones, G. *Exploring Ethics*, John Murray 2000
- Norman, R. *The Moral Philosophers*, Clarendon Press 1983: one of the best introductions to the normative and metaethical theories of ethics via the great philosophers who held them. It also includes a good discussion of moral realism.
- Rachels, J. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, McGraw-Hill 2014: a favourite of introductory courses, now in its eighth edition.
- Singer, P. (ed.) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell 1991: a great resource. Each essay, written for the beginner, is an excellent survey of a single topic.
- Williams, B. *Morality*, CUP 1976: difficult, but excellent, discussions of subjectivism, relativism, the idea of 'good', and utilitarianism.

ON SPECIFIC THEORIES

- Smart, J. & Williams, B. *Utilitarianism: For and Against*, CUP 1973: one of the most informative discussions of utilitarianism - its structure, its motives, and its problems.
- Crisp, R. *Mill on Utilitarianism*, Routledge 1997: a thorough, but clear, treatment of Bentham and Mill's utilitarianism
- Guyer, P. *Kant's Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals: A Reader's Guide*, Continuum 2007
- Warne, C. *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics: A Reader's Guide*, Continuum 2006
- Hughes, G. *Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*, Routledge 2013
- Chrisman, M. *What is This Thing Called Metaethics?*, Routledge 2017

ON APPLIED ETHICAL ISSUES

- Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (2nd ed.), CUP 1993: defending a utilitarian standpoint but discussing a wide range of arguments in practical ethics.
- DeGrazia, D. *Animal Rights: a Very Short Introduction*, OUP 2002
- Young, G. *Ethics in the Virtual World*, Routledge 2013