Philosophy - Recommended Reading

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  The work of philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Russell and Wittgenstein is well known. Philosophy: The State of the Art is the first book to relate, for the general reader, the thoughts of the world's most eminent living philosophers, along with the greatest among the very recently deceased. In the search for higher meaning, Nicholas Fearn has travelled the globe to interview over three dozen of the most eminent intellectuals in the field, from Derek Parfit, David Wiggins and Bernard Williams to Donald Davidson, Richard Rorty and Bernard Henri-Levi. In asking them the three key questions - 'who are we?', 'what do we know?' and 'how should we live?' - Fearn reveals the latest thinking on what it is to be human; what our limitations and capabilities are; and what our purpose should be. Philosophy: The State of the Art is a brilliant and highly original guide to the latest answers to the oldest questions.

- **Thinking through Philosophy by Horner, Chris**
  
  ISBN: 0521626579
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- **Mind by John R. Searle**
  
  ISBN: 0195157346
  Publication Date: 2005-07-28
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100 Essential Thinkers
ISBN: 9781848375949 Introduces one hundred of the world's greatest philosophers and locates them within the school to which their work belongs.

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Dictionary of Philosophy by Frolov

101 Philosophy Problems by Martin Cohen
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Dictionary of Philosophy by Thomas Mautner (Editor)
ISBN: 0141018402 Publication Date: 2005-12-27 What do philosophers mean by 'absolute' and 'akrasia'? What are 'Polish notation' and 'prime matter'? What contributions to human thought were made by Plato, Machiavelli, Kant and Derrida? These questions and many more are answered by this illuminating dictionary, which draws on contributions from over 100 leading philosophers.

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**Philosophy of the Mind**

- **Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy**

- **Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy (IEP)**

- **Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP)**

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  Davies, P in conversation with Philip Adams, The Big Questions and More Big Questions, video series online

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