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A Path Across

Life, the
Universe and
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Before
publishing his
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Meditations in
1641, Rene
Descartes
sent his
manuscript to
many leading
thinkers to

solicit their objections to his arguments. He included these objections, along with his own detailed replies, as part of the first edition. This unusual strategy gave Descartes a chance to address criticisms in advance and to demonstrate his willingness to consider diverse viewpoints—critical in an age when radical ideas could result in condemnation by church and state, or even death.

Descartes and his Contemporaries recreates the tumultuous intellectual community of seventeenth-century Europe and provides a detailed, modern analysis of the *Meditations* in its historical context. The book's chapters examine the arguments and positions of each of the objectors—Hobbes, Gassendi, Arnauld, Morin, Caterus, Bourdin, and others whose

views were compiled by Mersenne. They illuminate Descartes' relationships to the scholastics and particularly the Jesuits, to Mersenne's circle with its debates about the natural sciences, to the Epicurean movements of his day, and to the Augustinian tradition. Providing a glimpse of the interactions among leading 17th-century intellectuals as they grappled with

major philosophical issues, this book sheds light on how Descartes' thought developed and was articulated in opposition to the ideas of his contemporaries.

Descartes and the Ontology of Everyday Life Routledge
Sixteen years after René Descartes' death in Stockholm in 1650, a pious French ambassador exhumed the remains of the controversial philosopher to transport

them back to Paris. Thus began a 350-year saga that saw Descartes' bones traverse a continent, passing between kings, philosophers, poets, and painters. But as Russell Shorto shows in this deeply engaging book, Descartes' bones also played a role in some of the most momentous episodes in history, which are also part of the philosopher's metaphorical

remains: the birth of science, the rise of democracy, and the earliest debates between reason and faith. Descartes' Bones is a flesh-and-blood story about the battle between religion and rationalism that rages to this day. A New York Times Notable Book
A Discourse on the Method Ivan R Dee
Discover for yourself the pleasures of

philosophy!
Written both
for the
seasoned
student of
philosophy as
well as the
general
reader, the
renowned
writer Roger
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provides a
survey of
modern
philosophy.
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engaging,
Scruton takes
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founding
father
Descartes to
the most
important and
famous
philosopher of
the twentieth
century,

Ludwig
Wittgenstein.
He identifies
all the
principal
figures as well
as outlines of
the main
intellectual
preoccupations
that have
informed
western
philosophy.
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portrait of
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that is vivid
and animated,
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introduces us
to some of the
greatest
philosophical
problems
invented in
this period
and pursued
ever since.
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material on

recent
debates, A
Short History
of Modern
Philosophy is
already
established as
the classic
introduction.
Read it and
find out why.
[A Companion
to Descartes](#)
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Publishing
Company
This document
from the
American
Mathematical
Monthly offers
a brief
biography of
Ren?
Descartes.
Descartes was
a leading
thinker,
mathematician,
writer and
philosopher
during his

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<p>the "murder" in Lutheran Sweden of France's great Catholic philosopher trigger colicky French boy-King Louis XIV to reignite that awful War. Baillet hesitatingly agrees to investigate Descartes's death, knowing that if--or when--he screws up, he could be personally responsible for the War's Thirty-First Year. But solving the mystery of Descartes's death (Baillet soon learns) requires first</p>	<p>solving the mystery of Descartes's life, with all its dangerous secrets ... None of it is easy, as nearly everyone is a suspect and no one can be trusted. Nor does it help that he must do it all under the menacing gaze of Carolus Zolindius, the terrifying Swedish Chancellor with the strangely intimidating limp. But Baillet somehow perseveres, surprising everyone as</p>	<p>he figures it all out--all the way to the explosive end. <u>Descartes</u> Oxford University Press on Demand DIVTwo works by the founder of rational method in philosophical thought: Discourse on Method, which formulates a scientific approach to philosophy; and Meditations, which employs the principles in an exploration of the mind/body distinction. /div <u>Classical</u></p>
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Mathematics from Al-Khwarizmi to Descartes
 Princeton University Press
 "Descartes' early work in mathematics and science produced ground-breaking theories, methods, and tools still in use today. This book gives the first full account of how this work informed and influenced the later philosophical studies for which, above all, Descartes is renowned. Not only were philosophy

and science intertwined in Descartes' life; so were philosophy and religion. The Church of Rome found Galileo guilty of heresy in 1633; two decades earlier, Copernicus' theories about the universe had been denounced as blasphemous. To avoid such accusations, Descartes clothed his views about the relation between God and humanity, and about the nature of the universe, in a philosophical garb

acceptable to the Church. His most famous project was the exploration of the foundations of human knowledge, starting from the proof of one's own existence offered in the formula *Cogito ergo sum*, 'I am thinking therefore I exist'. Stephen Gaukroger argues that this was not intended as an exercise in philosophical scepticism, but rather to provide Descartes'

scientific theories, influenced as they were by Copernicus and Galileo, with metaphysical legitimation." "This book offers for the first time a full understanding of how Descartes developed his revolutionary ideas. It will be a landmark publication, welcomed by all readers interested in the origins of modern thought."--
 Résumé de l'éditeur.
Galileo Unbound
 Courier Corporation

Descartes is possibly the most famous of all writers on the mind, but his theory of mind has been almost universally misunderstood, because his philosophy has not been seen in the context of his scientific work.
 Desmond Clarke offers a radical and convincing rereading, undoing the received perception of Descartes as the chief defender of mind/body dualism. For Clarke, the key is to

interpret his philosophical efforts as an attempt to reconcile his scientific pursuits with the theologically orthodox views of his time.
Descartes: A Biography
 Courier Corporation
 This is the first intellectual biography of Descartes in English.
 Stephen Gaukroger provides a rich, authoritative account of Descartes' intellectual and personal development, understood in

its historical context, and offers a reassessment of all aspects of his life and work.

The Irrationalist
Oxford University Press

These provocative essays take a modern look at the 17th-century thinker's dream, examining the influences of mathematics on society, particularly in light of technological advances. They survey the conditions that elicit the application of

mathematic principles; the applications' effectiveness; and how applied mathematics transform perceptions of reality. 1987 edition.

With Selections from the Objections and Replies
Cornell University Press

This book follows the development of classical mathematics and the relation between work done in the Arab and Islamic worlds and that undertaken by

the likes of Descartes and Fermat. 'Early modern,' mathematics is a term widely used to refer to the mathematics which developed in the West during the sixteenth and seventeenth century. For many historians and philosophers this is the watershed which marks a radical departure from 'classical mathematics,' to more modern mathematics; heralding the arrival of algebra,

geometrical algebra, and the mathematics of the continuous. In this book, Roshdi Rashed demonstrates that 'early modern,' mathematics is actually far more composite than previously assumed, with each branch having different traceable origins which span the millennium. Going back to the beginning of these parts, the aim of this book is to identify the concepts and

practices of key figures in their development, thereby presenting a fuller reality of these mathematics. This book will be of interest to students and scholars specialising in Islamic science and mathematics, as well as to those with an interest in the more general history of science and mathematics and the transmission of ideas and culture.

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Descartes
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Publisher
Selections
from
Descartes'
"Principles of
Philosophy"
which was
written in
Latin and
published in
1644.

**The World
According to
Mathematics**

Oxford
Paperbacks
A portrait of
the
seventeenth-
century
philosopher
and
mathematicia
n looks at his
interest in
mysticism and
probable
membership
in the occult
brotherhood
of
Rosicrucians,

and his secret notebook, which he kept in code, attempting to redecipher the contents of the long-lost volume.

A Little History of Philosophy

John Wiley & Sons

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Descartes (1596-1650)

had a remarkably short working life, and his output was small, yet his contributions to philosophy and science have endured to the present day. In this book Tom Sorell shows that Descartes was, above

all, an advocate and practitioner of a new mathematical approach to physics, and that he developed his metaphysics to support his programme in the sciences.

Descartes
Cambridge

University Press

Philosophical thought is deciphered and made comprehensible and interesting to almost everyone.

Descartes' Dream Nabu

Press

A Short History of Modern

Philosophy is a lucid, challenging and up-to-date survey of the philosophers and philosophies from the founding father of modern philosophy, René Descartes, to the most important and famous philosopher of the twentieth century, Ludwig Wittgenstein. Roger Scruton has been widely praised for his success in making the history of modern philosophy

cogent and intelligible to anyone wishing to understand this fascinating subject. In this new edition, he has responded to the explosion of interest in the history of philosophy by substantially rewriting the book, taking account of recent debates and scholarship. Descartes' Bones Oxford University Press 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.

A Portrait of Descartes
University of Chicago Press
Descartes: An

Intellectual Biography
Oxford University Press

Discourse on the Method
Descartes: An Intellectual Biography
This is the second of a new two-volume edition of the works of Descartes in Penguin Classics. This volume is designed for students who approach Descartes from the point of view of his philosophy of science.

Includes DISCOURSE ON METHOD, the most accessible and

well-known of his discussions of scientific method; the first seven chapters of the earlier, unpublished work, THE WORLD; as well as a selection of Descartes' correspondence and his replies to his critics.

Cogito, Ergo Sum
Broadway Scientist, mathematician, traveler, soldier-and spy-Rene Descartes was one of the founders of the modern world. His life coincided with

an extraordinary time in history: the first half of the miraculous seventeenth century, replete with genius in the arts and sciences, and wracked by civil and international conflicts across Europe. But at his birth in 1596

the world was still dominated by medieval beliefs in phenomena such as miracles and spontaneous generation. It was Descartes who identified the intellectual tools his peers needed to free themselves from the grip of religious authority and

in doing so he founded modern philosophy. In this new biography, A. C. Grayling tells the story of Descartes' life, and places it in his tumultuous times-with the unexpected result that an entirely new aspect of the story comes to light.