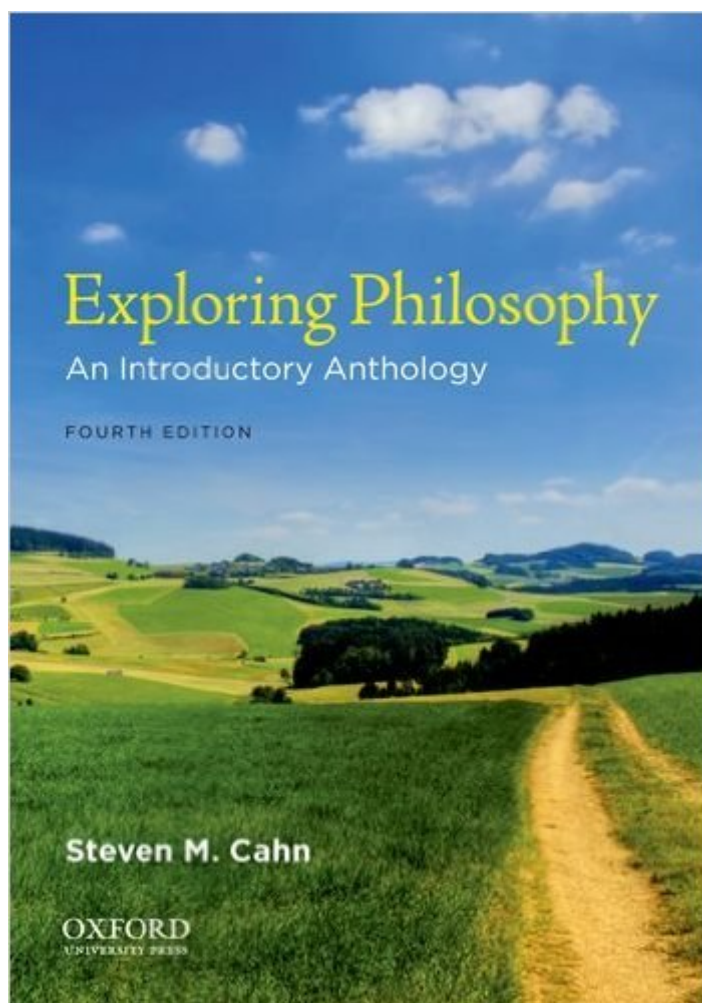


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I needed this book for a college course, and overall it served it's purpose well. I enjoyed the content on a personal level, but it probably would not be my first choice if I was looking to buy a book on philosophy for personal reading.

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Definitely a must have for any philosophy enthusiasts. Has works of many greats like Socrates and Plato. Any I had to buy it for college but was a pleasure to learn!

This book is actually good. I had to order it for my philosophy class. I didn't expect to like anything about it, but there are a few good philosophical arguments.

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