

The Big Questions

In this unique and groundbreaking book, business consultant and New York Times best-selling author Patrick Lencioni turns his sights on the most important organization in our lives—the family. As a husband and the father of four young boys, he shares the challenges he has faced between the time and energy his clients put into running their organizations and the reactive way most people run their personal lives. Having experienced the stress of a frantic family firsthand, he and his wife began applying some of the same principles to their own lives at home, and with surprising results.

A book that tries to answer all the big questions about life, death and the universe - a mixture of science and philosophy put in simple terms that 10- to 12-year-olds can understand.

The Big QuestionsTackling the Problems of Philosophy with Ideas from Mathematics, Economics and PhysicsSimon and Schuster

Weave high-level questions into your teaching practices.

What is the universe? How big is the universe? How did the Universe form? Why do the planets stay in orbit? Are we really made from stardust? In Big Questions: The Universe, Dr Stuart Clark tackles the 20 key questions of astronomy and cosmology. Solomon and Higgins's engaging text covers philosophy's central ideas in an accessible, approachable manner. Through an exploration of timeless big questions about the self, God, justice, and other meaningful topics, the authors provide st understanding of the foundational issues, while giving them the impetus and confidence to establish their own informed positions on these big questions. To give you the flexibility to fit the book to your course, the authors have designed the book to be used in a variety of ways, thus making it easy for you to choose your preferred topics and presentation order. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Combines philosophical, curious, and sometimes ridiculous questions to suggest thought-provoking answers covering such topics as the origin of the world, the mind and its powers, ethical issues, and knowledge.

What truly matters? What is my purpose? When is the right time to make a change? Who is most important to me? A thoughtful and provocative collection of personal essays, O's Little Guide to the Big Questions highlights the wisdom to be found in the most common of our mysteries. Award-winning and bestselling writers for O, The Oprah Magazine have been tackling these and other crucial questions since the magazine's inception. Here, they share their eye-opening, soul-expanding insights. Among the many who have contributed, Williams describes the utter shock of opening her late mother's journals—and the lessons she gleaned from what she found inside: Thich Nhat Hanh finds compassion in the midst of anger; JulieOrringer reveals how we can know when we've reached the end of our perspective to anyone feeling lost or in need of a reset, O's Little Guide to the Big Questions is proof that while the search for meaning can be daunting, it's also clarifying, motivating, empowering, and the surest path to becoming the person you want to be.

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Presents a collection of questions for young readers to go on a dreamlike wander through the boundaries of possibility and reality.

In this investigation of Christian thinkers, selected philosophers, and other religious leaders, key issues regarding Christianity over the centuries are discussed in detail. Considering the arguments for and against each position, the study's perspective focuses on the key questions of life and existence, showing the different ways Christian thinkers have answered them. Providing an excellent way into understanding these issues and having readers formulate opinions for themselves, the collection of questions include: How can we believe in God when there is so much suffering? Does science mean the end of religion? Does life after death really exist? Have we any good reason to believe in God? What is the ultimate goal of life? and What does it mean to lead a good life?

In the spirit of Schott's Miscellany, The Magic of Reality, and The Dangerous Book for Boys comes Can a Bee Sting a Bee?—a smart, illuminating, essential, and utterly delightful handbook for perplexed parents and their curious children. Author Gemma Elwin Harris has lovingly compiled weighty questions from precocious grade school children—queries that have long dumbfounded even intelligent adults—and she's gathered together a notable crew of scientists, specialists, philosophers, and writers to answer them. Authors Mary Roach and Phillip Pullman, evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins, chef Gordon Ramsay, adventurer Bear Gryllis, and linguist Noam Chomsky are among the top experts responding to the Big Questions from Little People, (“Do animals have feelings?”, “Why can't I tickle myself?”, “Who is God?”) with well-known comedians, columnists, and raconteurs offering hilarious alternative answers. Miles above your average general knowledge and trivia collections, this charming compendium is a book fans of the E.H. Gombrich classic, A Little History of the World, will adore.

Children have a knack of asking great, but challenging, questions: Why is the sea salty? How far away is space? Why can't I tickle myself? What makes me me?But how are we supposed to answer them? Imagine if we could turn to a leading expert and ask them to answer on our behalf. This book gathers over 100 real questions from children and puts them to some of our best-loved and most knowledgeable experts. Alain de Botton explores 'How are dreams made?', Kate Humble explains 'Why do lions roar?' and Heston Blumenthal answers 'Why do we cook food?' Their answers to the Big Questions - some complex, some searching, some surreal and some just plain cute - make this an essential handbook for anyone who wants to understand the complexities of life, the universe and why cakes taste so nice. Includes answers from Sir David Attenborough, Dame Kelly Holmes, Bear Grylls, Derren Brown, Noam Chomsky, Dr Richard Dawkins, Alain de Botton, Annabel Karmel, Jacqueline Wilson, Jarvis Cocker, Marcus du Sautoy, Jessica Ennis, Marcus Chown, Tracey Emin, Harry Hill, Dr Christian Jessen and many more.For each book sold a minimum of 67% of net royalty income is donated to the NSPCC(Registered Charity Numbers 216401 & SC037717)

This book is the culmination of some of the big questions that many of us have been asking for centuries. Stephen in his infinite wisdom documented many of his thoughts in notes over the years that allowed for the creation of this publication.

While many of us perceive physics and Hawking himself as untouchable and not understandable, he makes every effort here to explain to the world in non-mathematical means what his personal, scientific thoughts are on these questions. Some may become offended by his scientific approach. However, he makes his point clear that he is not intending to question or offend anyone's faith, he is simply putting forth his scientific insights and opinions to answer questions we have all asked ourselves and that he has been asked over the years based on his experience and intellect.

What this book is NOT: The fear-based How-To on sex and consent, oversimplified and focused on technicalities, that represents so much of our sexual education today. What this book IS: A journey into the Big Questions that will turn you into a thinking person about sex and consent, with the ability to wrestle towards the answers that work for YOU and continue to wrestle towards them for the rest of your life. What is the meaning and purpose of sex? How does it intersect with who I am? Why are people so afraid of it? What does a healthy and joyful approach to sex look like for me? Why is consent so much more than a yes or no question? Who this book is FOR: Everybody!! No matter your sexuality, gender, religion, or race. What could be more essential?

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Can the existence of God be proved by reason alone? Has scientific discovery destroyed the intellectual basis for religion? Does the presence of evil in the world mean that God does not care about us? And why does fundamentalism flourish in an age of progress? In Big Questions: God, Mark Vernon addresses these and many more perennial dilemmas, drawing on physics and philosophy, spiritual traditions and religious experience. He explores the place of religion in relation to science, in making sense of evil, in understanding history and in explaining value. Asking the big questions again for himself, he finds new areas of thought and perception. Big Questions: God is a subtle but compelling argument for the necessity of a spiritual dimension in modern society and offers profound insights on humanity's constant battle to make sense of the transcendent.

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Stephen Hawking was recognized as one of the greatest minds of our time and a figure of inspiration after defying his ALS diagnosis at age twenty-one. He is known for both his breakthroughs in theoretical physics as well as his ability to make complex concepts accessible for all, and was beloved for his mischievous sense of humor. At the time of his death, Hawking was working on a final project: a book compiling his answers to the "big" questions that he was so often posed—questions that ranged beyond his academic field. Within these pages, he provides his personal views on our biggest challenges as a human race, and where we, as a planet, are heading next. Each section will be introduced by a leading thinker offering his or her own insight into Professor Hawking's contribution to our understanding. The book will also feature a foreword from Academy Award winning actor Eddie Redmayne, who portrayed Hawking in the film The Theory of Everything, and an afterword by Hawking's daughter, Lucy Hawking, as well as personal photographs and additional archival material.

Ask the right questions and the answers will always reveal themselves. Oprah Winfrey You have to be quick to beat Larry King to the punch with a question. His life and livelihood has been based on questions. He worked his way up as an unknown quantity from Brooklyn, NY to become one of the best-known interviewers of high-profile public figures in the world. He does not typically ask complex questions, but instead, he asks thoughtful and straightforward questions which reveal information that would be interesting and meaningful to his audience. His coverage of the media over the years has included radio, newspapers and TV. Born to immigrant parents as Lawrence Leibel Harvey Zeiger, he started his media career with the stage name, Larry King. His story of working his way up the ladder of success is a classic one. He harnessed his passion and his needs to a workhorse mentality and overcame numerous obstacles on the way. And speaking of questions, he is speaking in this book by a variety of other CelebrityExperts(R) who have climbed the ladder of achievement. They also have asked their own questions - and found the answers in order to accomplish their own goals. Asking questions is an art that is learned from an early age to help us get what we want. As we get older, our questions become more difficult to answer and our goals harder to achieve. In order to succeed, we invariably find that our fastest solutions come from the guidance we get from those, like the CelebrityExperts(R) in this book who have already been there, by asking them the right questions. In your case, what is The Big Question? I love doing what I do. I love asking questions. I love being in the mix. Larry King "Irvine, a philosopher, strikes an engaging, self-deprecatory tone as he criticizes his field for its aloofness and failure to engage with the world as it is." - The Creativity Post Why am I here? What does it all mean? These are the big questions we all ask ourselves at some point. Offering an enlightening approach to these universal conundrums this book explores how mindfulness can reveal hidden solutions to life's mysteries. Weaving together philosophy and mindfulness to reveal how we can become wiser and happier simply by paying attention to everyday life, Dr Ben Irvine illustrates how the feeling of existential angst can be turned into a sense of wonder and opportunity. Offering a positive approach to the common problem of existential angst, he teaches how to embrace life's uncertainties through the transformational practice of mindfulness meditation, and provides practical and thoughtful meditations for everyday life, bringing us back to the here and now.

This extensively revised and expanded edition of van Inwagen and Zimmerman's popular collection of readings in metaphysics now features twenty-two additional selections, new sections on existence and reality, and an updated editorial commentary. Collects classic and contemporary readings in metaphysics Answers some of the most puzzling questions about our world and our place in it Covers an unparalleled range of topics Now includes a new section on existence and reality, expanded discussions on many classic issues, and an updated editorial commentary

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As well as including the classic papers from the history of epistemology, this distinctive, wide-ranging anthology provides essential coverage of key contemporary challenges to that tradition.

In Big Questions: Mathematics, Tony Crilly answers the 20 key questions: What is math for? Where do numbers come from? Why are primes the atoms of maths? Which are the strangest numbers? Are imaginary numbers real? How big is infinity? Where do parallel lines meet? What is the math of the universe? Are statistics lies? Can math guarantee riches? Is there a formula for everything? Why are three dimensions not enough? Can a butterfly's wings really cause a hurricane? Can we create an unbreakable code? Is math beauty? Can math predict the future? What shape is the universe? What is symmetry? Is math true? Is there anything left to solve?

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What's wrong with stealing? What's the best way to blood test a pot-bellied pig? Should we tolerate intolerance? In the wake of his enormously popular books, The Armchair Economistand More Sex is Safer Sex, Steven Landsburg uses concepts from maths, economics and physics to address the big questions in philosophy: Where does knowledge come from? What's the difference between right and wrong? Do our beliefs matter? Is it possible to know everything? Provocative, utterly entertaining and always surprising, The Big Questions challenges readers to re-evaluate their most fundamental beliefs and reveals the relationship between the loftiest philosophical quests and our everyday lives.

Explores ten questions that consider if religious beliefs can survive in the scientific age.

What are the great scientific questions of our modern age and why don't we know the answers? This volume takes on the most fascinating and pressing mysteries we have yet to crack and explains how tantalisingly close science is to solving them (or how frustratingly out of reach they remain).

The best-selling author of Awakening the Buddha Within addresses life's most provocative and tantalizing questions simply, directly, and powerfully. Every life is a journey through the unknown. Along the way, however, we tend to encounter the same perplexing questions again and again. Some are cosmic enigmas that have always tested the human mind: What is my purpose in life? What happens after I die? Others are puzzles presented by daily life in modern society: What, if anything, justifies assisted suicide? What is my personal responsibility to the homeless? According to Lama Surya Das, one of the foremost Western Buddhist scholars and teachers, the more we seek to resolve these mysteries, the more fully we live. Along with his own personal beliefs, the author presents a variety of thoughtful points of view representing different schools of Buddhism, other religions, spirituality in general, and pragmatism. The Big Questions challenges readers in the most stimulating and thoughtful way to formulate individual, authentic responses to life's big questions.

The Little Book of Big Questions is for anyone who has ever wanted the freedom to triumphantly navigate almost any of life's situations. Sometimes the search for the answer can be more valuable than the answer itself. And by using this book, with its pointed questions and provocative insights, you will be able to sharpen your focus on what matters and take actions that will bring about the results you want. The Little Book of Big Questions was created as a result of my own need to become accountable. I came up with a series of hard-hitting probing questions that shifted my perspective and changed my life. Answer them thoroughly and honestly, and they will change yours, too. I went from believing there was no possibility to believing there is infinite possibility; from thinking it was too late to thinking it's never too late. You'll discover yourself for yourself in The Little Book of Big Questions.

Easy, enlightening and mind-stretching, here are answers to the 20 biggest questions of evolution and what they tell us about life on Earth. The Big Questions series is designed to let renowned experts address the 20 most fundamental and frequently asked questions of a major branch of science or philosophy. Each 3,000-word essay simply and concisely examines a question that has eternally perplexed enquiring minds, and provides answers based on the latest research. This ambitious project is a unique distillation of humanity's best ideas. In The Big Questions: Evolution, Francisco Ayala answers the 20 key questions: What is evolution? Was Darwin right? What is natural selection? What is survival of the fittest? Is evolution a random process? What is a species? What are chromosomes, genes and DNA? How do genes build bodies? What is molecular evolution? How did life begin? What is the tree of life? Am I really a monkey? What does the fossil record tell us? What is the missing link? Is intelligence inherited? Will humans continue to evolve? Can I clone myself? Where does morality come from? Is language a uniquely human attribute? Is Creationism true?

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This ambitious project is a unique distillation of humanity's best ideas. In The Big Questions: God, Mark Vernon answers the 20 key questions:Can reason prove the existence of God? Will science bring the end of religion? Why do people still have religious beliefs? Is religion a mistake of evolution? Can drugs induce religious experiences? Can you be spiritual without being religious? Have you seen a miracle? What is the literal meaning of Scripture? If you're not religious, is nothing sacred? Can an agnostic pray? Is religion inherently violent? What is it like to be a fundamentalist? What is Buddhist enlightenment? Is Confucianism a religion? Is nature divine? Is there a perennial philosophy? Does human suffering rule out God? Can we be good without God? Are we living in the end times? Is there life after death?

Philosophy: The Big Questions occupies a unique positionamong introductory texts in philosophy. Designed for asingle-semester introductory course in philosophy, it includes bothclassic readings in philosophy and newer articles. Presents, in one volume, canonical and contemporary works inethics, metaphysics, philosophy of religion, andepistemology. Topics discussed include knowledge, religion, freedom,morality, and the meaning of life. Serves as a comprehensive and compelling introduction tophilosophy. Together with traditional readings it also presentsnon-traditional, feminist eadings from a continentalperspectives.

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A New York Times Notable Book of 2011, included on Amazon.com, Publishers Weekly, and NPR'S Best Comics lists A haunting postmodern fable, Big Questions is the magnum opus of Anders Nilsen, one of the brightest and most talented young cartoonists working today. This beautiful minimalist story, collected here for the first time, is the culmination of ten years and more than six hundred pages of work that details the metaphysical quandaries of the occupants of an endless plain, existing somewhere between a dream and a Russian steppe. A downed plane is thought to be a bird and the unexploded bomb that came from it is mistaken for a giant egg by the group of birds whose lives the story follows. The indifferent, stranded pilot is of great interest to the birds--some doggedly seek his approval, while others do quite the opposite, leading to tensions in the group. Nilsen seamlessly moves from humor to heartbreak. His distinctive, detailed line work is paired with plentiful white space and large, often frameless panels, conveying an ineffable sense of vulnerability and openness. Big Questions has roots in classic fables--the birds and snakes have more to say than their human counterparts, and there are hints of the hero's journey, but here the easy moral that closes most fables is left open and ambiguous. Rather than lending its world meaning, Nilsen's parable lets the questions wander where they will.

With his long-running 'Everyday Economics' column in Slate and his popular book, The Armchair Economist, Steven Landsburg has been leading the pack of economists who are transforming their science from a drab meditation on graphs and charts into a fascinating window on human nature. Now he's back and more provocative than ever with surprises on virtually every page. In More Sex is Safer Sex, Professor Landsburg offers readers a series of stimulating discussions that all flow from one unsettling fact. Combining the rational decisions of each of us often produces an irrational result for all of us. Avoiding casual sex can actually encourage the spread of diseases. To solve population pressures, we need more people. In his tantalizing, entertaining narrative, Landsburg guides us through these shocking notions by the light of compelling logic and evidence and makes suggestions along the way: Why not charge juries if a convicted felon is exonerated? Why not let firemen keep the property they rescue? As entertaining as it is inflammatory, More Sex is Safer Sex will make readers think about their decisions in unforgettable ways -- and spark debate over much that we all take for granted.

#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • The world-famous cosmologist and author of A Brief History of Time leaves us with his final thoughts on the biggest questions facing humankind. "Hawking's parting gift to humanity . . . a book every thinking person worried about humanity's future should read."—NPR NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY Forbes • The Guardian • Wired Stephen Hawking was the most renowned scientist since Einstein, known both for his groundbreaking work in physics and cosmology and for his mischievous sense of humor. He educated millions of readers about the origins of the universe and the nature of black holes, and inspired millions more by defying a terrifying early prognosis of ALS, which originally gave him only two years to live. In later life he could communicate only by using a few facial muscles, but he continued to advance his field and serve as a revered voice on social and humanitarian issues. Hawking not only unraveled some of the universe's greatest mysteries but also believed science plays a critical role in fixing problems here on Earth. Now, as we face immense challenges on our planet—including climate change, the threat of nuclear war, and the development of artificial intelligence—he turns his attention to the most urgent issues facing us. Will humanity survive? Should we colonize space? Does God exist? ??These are just a few of the questions Hawking addresses in this wide-ranging, passionately argued final book from one of the greatest minds in history. Featuring a foreword by Eddie Redmayne, who won an Oscar playing Stephen Hawking, an introduction by Nobel Laureate Kip Thorne, and an afterword from Hawking's daughter, Lucy, Brief Answers to the Big Questions is a brilliant last message to the world. Praise for Brief Answers to the Big Questions "[Hawking is] a symbol of the soaring power of the human mind."—The Washington Post "Hawking's final message to readers . . . is a hopeful one."—CNN "Brisk, lucid peeks into the future of science and of humanity."—The Wall Street Journal "Hawking pulls no punches on subjects like machines taking over, the biggest threat to Earth, and the possibilities of intelligent life in space."—Quartz "Effortlessly instructive, absorbing, up to the minute and—where it matters—witty."—The Guardian "This beautiful little book is a fitting last twinkle from a new star in the firmament above."—The Telegraph

Timothy Keller's expository guide to Galatians is a personal and group curriculum that will excite ordinary Christians in their faith and equip teachers and preachers in their work.

Bestselling author Simon Blackburn tackles the key questions in philosophy--and provides easy-to-understand and enlightening answers. In Big Questions: Philosophy, bestselling author Simon Blackburn addresses the 20 essential questions: What is the meaning of life? Am I free? Why is there something and not nothing? What do we really know? Is there such a thing as society? Can machines think? What is time? How can I deceive myself? Why be good? What fills up space? Can we truly understand each other? Why do things keep on keeping on? Are we rational? What am I? What are my rights? Is truth relative? Do we need God? What is human nature? What is beauty? Is death to be feared?

The Big Questions series is designed to let renowned experts confront the 20 most fundamental and frequently asked questions of a major branch of science or philosophy. In The Big Questions: Ethics Julian Baggini, one of Britain's best-known philosophers, condenses complex, contemporary issues of right and wrong into 20 key questions. He examines how we can start to answer them, what they might mean to us and how they influence the way we choose to live our lives. Among the ideas debated are: What is free will? Can it ever be right to kill? Is terrorism ever justified? Should euthanasia be legal? Are some people superior to others? Do animals have rights?

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