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Why We Think the Things We Think Philosophy in a Nutshell

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Description

Have you ever found yourself alone with your thoughts? Have you ever been asked if the glass is half full or half empty? Do you wonder what true happiness is or how to attain it? Or maybe nothing really matters if everything is just an illusion or a dream?

These ideas are some of the central questions of philosophical enquiry that have engaged, troubled and exasperated some of the greatest minds throughout the history of human civilization, provoking argument and debate in an attempt to broaden the horizons of human thought.

Author Alain Stephen seeks to explore some of these key questions by tracing their origins in the writings of prominent thinkers through the ages, from the colonnades of ancient Greece to the intellectual salons of twentieth-century France, and show how these ideas and concepts have developed over time.

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Sales Points

- Alain Stephen looks at philosophical conundrums, such as 'do we have free will?', 'what defines good and evil?' or 'is too much better than not enough?'
- Key concepts and arguments are broken down into jargon-free, accessible form
- Looks at how these ideas influence the way we think about ourselves and the world around us
- From the author and publishers of *This Book Will Make You Think: Philosophical Quotes and What They Mean* (2013)

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