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What We Owe

Who are refugees? Who, if anyone, is responsible for protecting them? What forms should this protection take? In a world of people fleeing from civil wars, state failure, and environmental disasters, these are ethically and politically pressing questions. In this book, David Owen reveals how the contemporary politics of

refuge is structured by two rival historical pictures of refugees. In reconstructing this history, he advocates an understanding of refugeehood that moves us beyond our current impasse by distinguishing between what is owed to refugees in general and what is owed to different types of refugee. He provides an account of refugee protection and the forms of international cooperation required to implement it that is responsive to the claims of both refugees and states. At a time when refugee protection is once again prominent on the international agenda, this book offers a guide to understanding the challenges this topic raises and shows why addressing it matters for all of us.

The Last Pagans of Rome

Argues that the high divorce rate is building a low-commitment culture in which the needs of children increasingly are neglected

Responding to Global Poverty

The 60 coupons in this book make it easy to celebrate Jewish customs and culture year-round while gifting a sweet token of appreciation—from a homemade challah (after all, you "knead" it!) to a one-day grant for kvetching to your heart's desire.

The Forking Trolley

A Concise Introduction to Ethics offers a condensed and exceptionally well-written introduction to the essential moral theories. Based on Russ Shafer-Landau's best-selling primer on ethical theory, *The Fundamentals of Ethics*, this briefer volume retains the longer one's content advantage over competing books by addressing issues that other texts omit, including the good life (value theory), natural law, and prima facie duties. It also incorporates discussion questions and case studies at the end of each chapter, giving students the opportunity to apply ethical theories to real-world moral problems. A perfect companion to Shafer-Landau's anthology, *The Ethical Life*, this volume's compact size and low price make *A Concise Introduction to Ethics* an ideal complement to any course where it is important that students understand moral theories.

Animalkind

T. M. Scanlon offers a qualified defense of normative cognitivism—the view that there are irreducibly normative truths about reasons for action. He responds to three familiar objections: that such truths would have troubling metaphysical implications; that we would have no way of knowing what they are; and that the role of reasons in motivating and explaining action could not be explained if

accepting a conclusion about reasons for action were a kind of belief. Scanlon answers the first of these objections within a general account of ontological commitment, applying to mathematics as well as normative judgments. He argues that the method of reflective equilibrium, properly understood, provides an adequate account of how we come to know both normative truths and mathematical truths, and that the idea of a rational agent explains the link between an agent's normative beliefs and his or her actions. Whether every statement about reasons for action has a determinate truth value is a question to be answered by an overall account of reasons for action, in normative terms. Since it seems unlikely that there is such an account, the defense of normative cognitivism offered here is qualified: statements about reasons for action can have determinate truth values, but it is not clear that all of them do. Along the way, Scanlon offers an interpretation of the distinction between normative and non-normative claims, a new account of the supervenience of the normative on the non-normative, an interpretation of the idea of the relative strength of reasons, and a defense of the method of reflective equilibrium.

Gang Leader for a Day

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER * "A gem of a novel."--Jodi Picoult, #1 New York Times bestselling author of A Spark of Light and Small Great Things From the author of Surprise Me comes an irresistible story of love and empowerment about a

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young woman with a complicated family, a handsome man who might be "the one," and an IOU that changes everything. Fixie Farr has always lived by her father's motto: "Family first." And since her dad passed away, leaving his charming housewares store in the hands of his wife and children, Fixie spends all her time picking up the slack from her siblings instead of striking out on her own. The way Fixie sees it, if she doesn't take care of her father's legacy, who will? It's simply not in Fixie's nature to say no to people. So when a handsome stranger in a coffee shop asks her to watch his laptop for a moment, she not only agrees--she ends up saving it from certain disaster. To thank Fixie for her quick thinking, the computer's owner, Sebastian, an investment manager, scribbles an IOU on a coffee sleeve and attaches his business card. Fixie laughs it off--she'd never actually claim an IOU from a stranger. Would she? But then Fixie's childhood crush, Ryan, comes back into her life, and his lack of a profession pushes all of Fixie's buttons. As always, she wants nothing for herself--but she'd love Seb to give Ryan a job. No sooner has Seb agreed than the tables are turned once more and a new series of IOUs between Seb and Fixie--from small favors to life-changing moments--ensues. Soon Fixie, Ms. Fixit for everyone else, is torn between her family and the life she really wants. Does she have the courage to take a stand? Will she finally grab the life, and love, she really wants? Praise for I Owe You One "This book is a shot of pure joy!"--Jenny Colgan, author of *The Bookshop on the Corner* "A humorous exploration of family life, finding love and the difficulties of coming into one's own as a young professional woman . . . The entertaining cast of characters . . . will

certainly remind readers why nineteen years after her first hit *Kinsella* remains one of the reigning queens of women's fiction."--The Washington Post "I Owe You One is another impossibly delightful story by Sophie Kinsella, a must-read for her die-hard fans and new readers alike."--PopSugar

The Divorce Culture

This book explores whether affluent people in the developed world have stringent responsibilities to help fight poverty abroad.

Jewish I Owe You's

This book elucidates the nature and importance of African culture and its role in business practices, serving as a practical guide for conducting business effectively and efficiently in Africa.

Writers Between the Covers

The Aging Self and the Aging Society Ethical issues involving the elderly have recently come to the fore. This should come as no surprise: Since the turn of the century, there has been an eightfold increase in the number of Americans over the

age of sixty five, and almost a tripling of their proportion to the general population. Those over the age of eighty-five- the fastest growing group in the country-are twenty one more times as numerous as in 1900. Demographers expect this trend to accelerate into the twenty-first century. The aging of society casts into vivid relief a number of deep and troubling questions. On the one hand, as individuals, we grapple with the immediate experience of aging and mortality and seek to find in it philosophical or ethical significance. We also wonder what responsibilities we bear toward aging family members and what expectations of others our plans for old age can reasonably include. On the other hand, as a community, we must decide: What special role, if any, do older persons occupy in our society? What constitutes a just distribution of medical resources between generations? And, How can institutions that serve the old foster imperiled values, such as autonomy, self-respect, and dignity? Only recently have we begun to explore these themes, yet already a rich and fruitful literature has grown up around them.

What We Owe to Each Other

Scanlon reframes current philosophical debates as he explores the moral permissibility of an action. Blame, he argues, is a response to the meaning of an action rather than its permissibility. This analysis leads to a novel account of the conditions of moral responsibility and to important conclusions about the ethics of blame.

Being Realistic about Reasons

Presents a compelling new view of our moral relationships to the other animals

All I Own I Owe

How do children learn? How are they taught? These are two fundamental questions in education. Caleb Gattegno provides a direct and lucid analysis, and concludes that much current teaching, far from feeding and developing the learning process, actually stifles it. Memory, for instance, the weakest of the mental powers available for intelligent use, is almost the only faculty to be exploited in the educational system, and holds little value in preparing a student for the future. Gattegno's answer is to show how learning and teaching can properly work together, what schools should achieve, and what parents have a right to expect.

The Difficulty of Tolerance

What We Owe

Cathy Berberian (1925-1983) was a vocal performance artist, singer and composer

who pioneered a way of composing with the voice in the musical worlds of Europe, North America and beyond. As a modernist muse for many avant-garde composers, Cathy Berberian went on to embody the principles of postmodern thinking in her work, through vocality. She re-defined the limits of composition and challenged theories of the authorship of the musical score. This volume celebrates her unorthodox path through musical landscapes, including her approach to performance practice, gender performativity, vocal pedagogy and the culturally-determined borders of art music, the concert stage, the popular LP and the opera industry of her times. The collection features primary documentation-some published in English for the first time-of Berberian's engagement with the philosophy of voice, new music, early music, pop, jazz, vocal experimentation and technology that has come to influence the next generation of singers such as Theo Bleckmann, Susan Botti, Joan La Barbara, Rinde Eckert Meredith Monk, Carol Plantamura, Candace Smith and Pamela Z. Hence, this timely anthology marks an end to the long period of silence about Cathy Berberian's championing of a radical rethinking of the musical past through a reclaiming of the voice as a multifaceted phenomenon. With a Foreword by Susan McClary.

Fellow Creatures

How can Stoicism inspire us to lead more enjoyable lives? In the past few years, Stoicism has been making a comeback. But what exactly did the Stoics believe? In

Lessons in Stoicism, philosopher John Sellars weaves together the key ideas of the three great Roman Stoics -- Seneca, Epictetus and Marcus Aurelius -- with snapshots of their fascinating lives, to show us how their ideas can help us today. In vivid prose, Sellars shows how the works of these three Stoics have inspired readers ever since, speaking as they do to some of the perennial issues that face anyone trying to navigate their way through life. Their works, fundamentally, are about how to live -- how to understand one's place in the world, how to cope when things don't go well, how to manage one's emotions and how to behave towards others. Consoling and inspiring, Lessons in Stoicism is a deeply thoughtful guide to the philosophy of a good life.

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A Decent Life

A New York Times Bestseller Foreword by Stephen J. Dubner, coauthor of Freakonomics When first-year graduate student Sudhir Venkatesh walked into an abandoned building in one of Chicago's most notorious housing projects, he hoped to find a few people willing to take a multiple-choice survey on urban poverty--and impress his professors with his boldness. He never imagined that as a result of this assignment he would befriend a gang leader named JT and spend the better part of a decade embedded inside the projects under JT's protection. From a privileged position of unprecedented access, Venkatesh observed JT and the rest of his gang as they operated their crack-selling business, made peace with their neighbors,

evaded the law, and rose up or fell within the ranks of the gang's complex hierarchical structure. Examining the morally ambiguous, highly intricate, and often corrupt struggle to survive in an urban war zone, Gang Leader for a Day also tells the story of the complicated friendship that develops between Venkatesh and JT--two young and ambitious men a universe apart. "Riveting."--The New York Times "Compelling dramatic Venkatesh gives readers a window into a way of life that few Americans understand."--Newsweek "An eye-opening account into an underserved city within the city."--Chicago Tribune "The achievement of Gang Leader for a Day is to give the dry statistics a raw, beating heart."--The Boston Globe "A rich portrait of the urban poor, drawn not from statistics but from vivid tales of their lives and his, and how they intertwined."--The Economist "A sensitive, sympathetic, unpatronizing portrayal of lives that are usually ignored or lumped into ill-defined stereotype."--Financial Times Sudhir Venkatesh's latest book Floating City: A Rogue Sociologist Lost and Found in New York's Underground Economy--a memoir of sociological investigation revealing the true face of America's most diverse city--was published in September 2013 by Penguin Press From the Trade Paperback edition.

Ruling Passions

"We have always valued Father McBride's contributions to religious education. . . . Through his faith and writings he has touched the souls of thousands of people

throughout this country and beyond. His work and recognition bring honor to all of us." —Rev. James Herring, O. Praem. "Fr. McBride's life is a witness to his commitment to insure that the Catholic tradition is faithfully handed on in a systematic and comprehensive fashion. —Thomas P. Walters, Ph.D., Father Alfred McBride, O. Praem has been one of the leading Catholic educators and catechists since the second Vatican Council. Perhaps most well-known for his popular Teen Catechism, Father McBride has authored more than dozen books on the faith, helping Catholics the world over learn more about the Christ and his teachings. Now, learn more about Father McBride in his own words. From his days as an adopted boy on the tough streets of Philadelphia to his time in the seminary to his early days as a Norbertine teacher to his rise to prominent and respected Catholic educator. All I Own I Owe is the engaging autobiography of Father McBride, but it also offers a look at the Catholic Church in America throughout the twentieth century and in the twenty-first: from the Catholic neighborhoods of war time Philadelphia to the implementation of Vatican II to the teaching of Christ's Word today. Supplemented with more than twenty-full color photographs that follow the fascinating life of Father McBride.

What We Owe to Each Other

You're probably never going to be a saint. Even so, let's face it: you could be a better person. We all could. But what does that mean for you? In a world full of

suffering and deprivation, it's easy to despair--and it's also easy to judge ourselves for not doing more. Even if we gave away everything we own and devoted ourselves to good works, it wouldn't solve all the world's problems. It would make them better, though. So is that what we have to do? Is anything less a moral failure? Can we lead a fundamentally decent life without taking such drastic steps? Todd May has answers. He's not the sort of philosopher who tells us we have to be model citizens who display perfect ethics in every decision we make. He's realistic: he understands that living up to ideals is a constant struggle. In *A Decent Life*, May leads readers through the traditional philosophical bases of a number of arguments about what ethics asks of us, then he develops a more reasonable and achievable way of thinking about them, one that shows us how we can use philosophical insights to participate in the complicated world around us. He explores how we should approach the many relationships in our lives--with friends, family, animals, people in need--through the use of a more forgiving, if no less fundamentally serious, moral compass. With humor, insight, and a lively and accessible style, May opens a discussion about how we can, realistically, lead the good life that we aspire to. A philosophy of goodness that leaves it all but unattainable is ultimately self-defeating. Instead, Todd May stands at the forefront of a new wave of philosophy that sensibly reframes our morals and redefines what it means to live a decent life.

Moral Dimensions

This volume presents Scanlon's classic essays in political philosophy written between 1969 and 1999.

On What We Owe to Each Other

Simon Blackburn puts forward a compelling original philosophy of human motivation and morality. He maintains that we cannot get clear about ethics until we get clear about human nature. So these are the sorts of questions he addresses: Why do we behave as we do? Can we improve? Is our ethics at war with our passions, or is it an upshot of those passions? Blackburn seeks the answers in an exploration of guilt, shame, disgust, and other moral emotions; he draws also on game theory and cognitive science in his account of the structures of human motivation. Many philosophers have wanted a naturalistic ethics a theory that integrates our understanding of human morality with the rest of our understanding of the world we live in. What is special about Blackburn's naturalistic ethics is that it does not debunk the ethical by reducing it to the non-ethical. At the same time he banishes the spectres of scepticism and relativism that have haunted recent moral philosophy. Ruling Passions sets ethics in the context of human nature: it offers a solution to the puzzle of how ethics can maintain its authority even though it is rooted in the very emotions and motivations that it exists to control.

What We Owe to Each Other

This Element begins by describing T.M. Scanlon's contractualism according to which an action is right when it is authorised by the moral principles no one could reasonably reject. This view has argued to have implausible consequences with regards to how different-sized groups, non-human animals, and cognitively limited human beings should be treated. It has also been accused of being theoretically redundant and unable to vindicate the so-called deontic distinctions. I then distinguish between the general contractualist framework and Scanlon's version of contractualism. I explain how the general framework enables us to formulate many other versions of contractualism some of which can already be found in the literature. Understanding contractualism in this new way enables us both to understand the structural similarities and differences between different versions of contractualism and also to see the different objections to contractualism as internal debates about which version of contractualism is correct.

The Good Place and Philosophy

The euro crisis, Japan's sluggish economy, and partisan disagreements in the United States about the role of government all have at least one thing in common: worries about high levels of public debt. Nearly everyone agrees that public debt in

many advanced economies is too high to be sustainable and must be addressed. There is little agreement, however, about when and how that addressing should be done—or even, in many cases, just how serious the debt problem is. As the former director of the International Monetary Fund's Fiscal Affairs Department, Carlo Cottarelli has helped countries across the globe confront their public finance woes. He also had direct experience in advising his own country, Italy, about its chronic fiscal ailments. In this straightforward, plain-language book, Cottarelli explains how and why excessive public debt can harm economic growth and can lead to crises such as those experienced recently in Italy and several other European countries. But Cottarelli also has some good news: reducing public debt often can be done without trauma and through moderate changes in spending habits that contribute to economic growth. His book focuses on positive remedies that countries can adopt to deal with their public debt, analyzing both the benefits and potential downsides to each approach, as well as suggesting which remedies might be preferable in particular situations. Too often, public debate about public debt is burdened by lies and myths. This book not only explains the basic facts about public debt but also aims to bring truth and reasoned nonpartisan analysis to the debate.

A Concise Introduction to Ethics

A compressed, visceral novel about exile, dislocation, and the emotional minefields

between mothers and daughters.

What Do We Owe to Refugees?

By exploring the ethical differences between humans and animals, *Animalkind* establishes a middle ground between egalitarianism and outright dismissal of animal rights. A thought-provoking foray into our complex and contradictory relationship with animals. Advocates that we owe each animal due respect. Offers readers a sensible alternative to extremism by speaking of respect and compassion for animals, not rights. Balances philosophical analysis with intriguing facts and engaging tales.

Aging And Ethics

Public Philosophy

The Good Place is a fantasy-comedy TV show about the afterlife. Eleanor dies and finds herself in the Good Place, which she understands must be a mistake, since she has been anything but good. In the surprise twist ending to Season One, it is revealed that this is really the Bad Place, but the demon who planned it was

frustrated, because the characters didn't torture each other mentally as planned, but managed to learn how to live together. In *The Good Place and Philosophy*, twenty-one philosophers analyze different aspects of the ethical and metaphysical issues raised in the show, including:

- Indefinitely long punishment can only be justified as a method of ultimately improving vicious characters, not as retribution.
- Can individuals retain their identity after hundreds of reboots?
- Comparing Hinduism with *The Good Place*, we can conclude that Hinduism gets things five percent correct.
- Looking at all the events in the show, it follows that humans don't have free will, and so people are being punished and rewarded unjustly.
- Is it a problem that the show depicts torture as hilarious? This problem can be resolved by considering the limited perspective of humans, compared with the eternal perspective of the demons.
- *The Good Place* implies that even demons can develop morally.
- The only way to explain how the characters remain the same people after death is to suppose that their actual bodies are transported to the afterlife.
- Since Chidi knows all the moral theories but can never decide what to do, it must follow that there is something missing in all these theories.
- The show depicts an afterlife which is bureaucratic, therefore unchangeable, therefore deeply unjust.
- Eleanor acts on instinct, without thinking, whereas Chidi tries to think everything through and never gets around to acting; together these two characters can truly act morally.
- *The Good Place* shows us that authenticity means living for others.
- *The Good Place* is based on Sartre's play *No Exit*, with its famous line "Hell is other people," but in fact both *No Exit* and *The Good Place*

inform us that human relationships can redeem us. ● In *The Good Place*, everything the humans do is impermanent since it can be rebooted, so humans cannot accomplish anything good. ● Kant's moral precepts are supposed to be universal, but *The Good Place* shows us it can be right to lie to demons. ● The show raises the question whether we can ever be good except by being part of a virtuous community.

Cathy Berberian: Pioneer of Contemporary Vocality

In the early seventeenth century, a crippled, graying, almost toothless veteran of Spain's wars against the Ottoman Empire published a book. It was the story of a poor nobleman, his brain addled from reading too many books of chivalry, who deludes himself that he is a knight errant and sets off on hilarious adventures. That book, *Don Quixote*, went on to sell more copies than any other book beside the Bible, making its author, Miguel de Cervantes, the single most-read author in human history. Cervantes did more than just publish a bestseller, though. He invented a way of writing. This book is about how Cervantes came to create what we now call fiction, and how fiction changed the world. *The Man Who Invented Fiction* explores Cervantes's life and the world he lived in, showing how his influences converged in his work, and how his work--especially *Don Quixote*--radically changed the nature of literature and created a new way of viewing the world. Finally, it explains how that worldview went on to infiltrate art,

politics, and science, and how the world today would be unimaginable without it. William Egginton has brought thrilling new meaning to an immortal novel.

Lessons in Stoicism

“Collects some of [Punk Planet’s] best interviews from the past half-decade . . . serves as a reminder that punk is not just music but a movement.” —The A.V. Club Updated with six more interviews and a new introduction, the expanded edition of *We Owe You Nothing* is the definitive book of conversations with the underground’s greatest minds from the pages of *Punk Planet*. New interviews include talks with bands like *The Gossip* and *Maritime*, a conversation with punk legend *Bob Mould*, and more . . . in addition to the classic interviews from the original edition: *Ian MacKaye*, *Jello Biafra*, *Thurston Moore*, *Noam Chomsky*, *Kathleen Hanna*, *Black Flag*, *Sleater-Kinney*, *Steve Albini*, *Frank Kozik*, *Art Chantry*, and others. “*We Owe You Nothing* made me feel vital and alive.” —*Seattle Weekly* “The magazine *Punk Planet* has quietly been one of the most intelligent voices in the kingdom of punk and post-punk . . . [and] anyone with the vaguest interest in music would be well-served to learn from these captured moments [in *We Owe You Nothing*].” —*Detroit Metro Times* “No book has illustrated this relationship between punk and its believers more than *We Owe You Nothing*.” —*Daily Herald* “Straight talk with no bullshit, no spin. The result is an airblast of honesty, an antidote of attitude. Music fans will love this book, and so will fans of independent thinking.” —*Flagpole* “A

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wholly unique vision wrought not by consensus but by cultural cynicism and never-say-die musical populism.” —Magnet

Africa

--Book Jacket.

What We Owe Children

Inequality is widely regarded as morally objectionable: T. M. Scanlon investigates why it matters to us. He considers the nature and importance of equality of opportunity, whether the pursuit of greater equality involves objectionable interference with individual liberty, and whether the rich can be said to deserve their greater rewards.

Say Please, Say Thank You

In this book, Michael Sandel takes up some of the hotly contested moral and political issues of our time, including affirmative action, assisted suicide, abortion, gay rights, stem cell research, the meaning of toleration and civility, the gap between rich and poor, the role of markets, and the place of religion in public life.

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He argues that the most prominent ideals in our political life--individual rights and freedom of choice--do not by themselves provide an adequate ethic for a democratic society. Sandel calls for a politics that gives greater emphasis to citizenship, community, and civic virtue, and that grapples more directly with questions of the good life. Liberals often worry that inviting moral and religious argument into the public sphere runs the risk of intolerance and coercion. These essays respond to that concern by showing that substantive moral discourse is not at odds with progressive public purposes, and that a pluralist society need not shrink from engaging the moral and religious convictions that its citizens bring to public life.

Contractualism

Five leading moral philosophers assess various aspects of T.M. Scanlon's moral theory as laid out in his seminal work, *What We Owe to Each Other*. An assessment of T.M. Scanlon's seminal work *What We Owe to Each Other*. Written by five leading moral philosophers. Contributes to debates initiated by Scanlon on value theory, normative ethics, and metaethics. Includes a response by T.M. Scanlon in which he clarifies and develops his views.

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What We Owe to Each Other

The conservative columnist renews his call for a year of voluntary national service for young people eighteen and over, in areas such as health, day care, and the environment, to strengthen their feeling and appreciation for their nation

We Owe You Nothing

What happened off the page was often a lot spicier than what was written on it. Why did Norman Mailer stab his second wife at a party? Who was Edith Wharton's secret transatlantic lover? What motivated Anaïs Nin to become a bigamist? *Writers Between the Covers* rips the sheets off these and other real-life love stories of the literati—some with fairy tale endings and others that resulted in break-ups, breakdowns, and brawls. Among the writers laid bare are Agatha Christie, who sparked the largest-ever manhunt in England as her marriage fell apart; Arthur Miller, whose jaw-dropping pairing with Marilyn Monroe proved that opposites attract, at least initially; and T.S. Eliot, who slept in a deckchair on his disastrous honeymoon. From the best break-up letters to the stormiest love triangles to the boldest cougars and cradle-robbers, this fun and accessible volume—packed with lists, quizzes and in-depth exposés—reveals literary history's most titillating loves, lusts, and longings.

Gratitude

Arguing for a return to good old-fashioned manners, the author lays out the basics of courteous behavior, covering everything from simple "please" and "thank you" to picking up the check at dinner. Reprint.

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The Man Who Invented Fiction

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