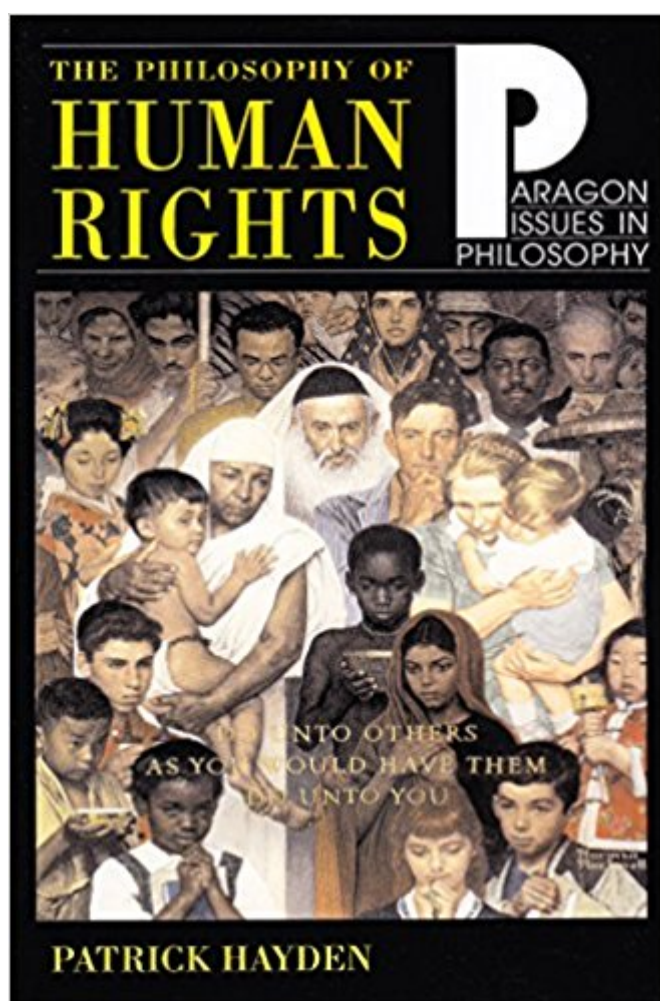


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At first, I thought phil 101 would be a complete waste of time. I didn't want to take philosophy class but it is a university requirement. My professor had us write an essay every week about a different philosopher with our opinions on their theories. This book goes all across the grid. The book is a compilation of writings from ancient and contemporary thinkers of different ethnicities, genders, ages, and economic backgrounds. You get different perspectives on just about any controversial subject you can imagine. Ironically, my professor and this book changed my outlook on life.

This book provides an excellent introduction to the philosophical foundations of early and modern human rights. A definite must-read if you're interested in the origins of the subject. Definitely recommended!

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Good

This book is a great comprehensive and global look at human rights. It spans both time and culture in its approach. Great for both personal reading and for citation work. Definitely recommend it.

Hayden does a phenomenal job of piecing together relevant writings from classical works through modern-day multi-disciplinary actors. This work will certainly give you much to consider towards your own understanding and appreciation of Human Rights.

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