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- Get a handle — understand the basic issues and questions of ethics, and why you should care about integrating ethics into your own life
- Dig up the dirt — investigate whether human nature and ethics are related and delve into the connections (and disconnects) between ethics and religion and ethics and science
- Look behind the curtain — get familiar with the key ethical theories you need to know, such as virtue ethics, Kantian ethics, and utilitarianism
- Apply, apply, apply — discover the many ways ethics has been applied to the real world, from biomedical ethics to human rights and everything in between
- Grasp the lingo — learn some basic ethical vocabulary and how ethics relates to culture and opinion

Open the book and find:

- Insight into whether humans are naturally good or evil
- The role of religion and science in ethics
- Challenges facing ethics
- The importance of being a virtuous person
- The ethics of consequences
- Why the Golden Rule is universal
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- What the ethics of principle really means
- Ethical disagreements between individuals and cultures
- A feminist approach to care ethics

Learn to:

- Demystify the ethical writings of Aristotle, Confucius, and other famous philosophers
- Examine controversial aspects of ethical thought
- Tackle and understand today's important questions and dilemmas

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