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## The Meaning of Life: A Very Short Introduction (Paperback)

By Terry Eagleton

Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Philosophers have an infuriating habit of analysing questions rather than answering them , writes Terry Eagleton, who, in these pages, asks the most important question any of us ever ask, and attempts to answer it. So what is the meaning of life? In this witty, spirited, and stimulating inquiry, Eagleton shows how centuries of thinkers - from Shakespeare and Schopenhauer to Marx, Sartre and Beckett - have tackled the question. Refusing to settle for the bland and boring, Eagleton reveals with a mixture of humour and intellectual rigour how the question has become particularly problematic in modern times. Instead of addressing it head-on, we take refuge from the feelings of meaninglessness in our lives by filling them with a multitude of different things: from football and sex, to New Age religions and fundamentalism. Many of the readers of this book are likely to be as sceptical of the phrase the meaning of life as they are of Santa Claus , he writes. But Eagleton contends that in a world where we need to find common meanings, it is important that we set about answering the...



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