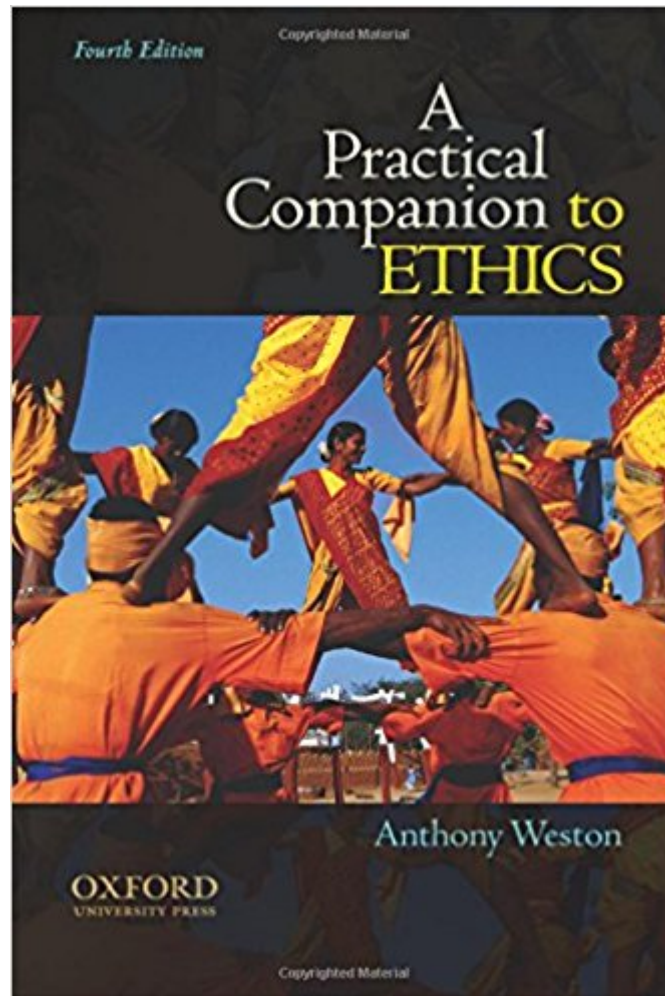




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# A Practical Companion To Ethics



## Synopsis

A Practical Companion to Ethics, Fourth Edition, is a concise and accessible introduction to the basic attitudes and skills that make ethics work, like thinking for oneself, creative and integrative problem-solving, and keeping an open mind. This unique volume illuminates the broad kinds of practical intelligence required in moral judgment, complementing the narrower theoretical considerations that often dominate ethics courses. It offers practical instruction in problem-solving by demonstrating how to frame an ethical problem and deal effectively with ethical disagreements. The book also presents ethics as an ongoing learning experience, helping students to engage constructively with both the complexities of their individual lives and with the larger issues that exist in the world around them. The fourth edition retains the most popular features of the previous edition, including challenging and relevant end-of-chapter exercises and brief text boxes that define key terms and review core strategies. The optimistic tone and brisk pace of the narrative provide an entertaining and intelligent guide to "everyday" morality. Ideal for introductory courses in ethics and applied ethics, A Practical Companion to Ethics, Fourth Edition, can also be used in any course related to critical thinking.

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- \* Significantly revised and expanded chapters (4 and 5) on conflicts of value and creative problem-solving in ethics offer additional guidance
- \* A new concluding chapter (6) on "Making a Difference" explains how students can incorporate ethical thinking and practice into their daily lives and includes a text box on "Writing to Make a Difference"

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"This book provides an outstanding bridge between the student and the study of ethics. It is brief and accessible and stimulates readers to pursue each topic further."--Daniel Campana, University of La Verne

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Take note of the title: A Practical \*\*\*Companion\*\*\* to Ethics. This book will not hold its own, and can hardly even be considered an introduction to the field. It's almost laughably thin; when I saw that it was on my senior-level journalism ethics class's syllabus, I almost wondered if it was a mistake. As the shortest book I have ever used in a college-level class, this book serves as a glossing over of the subject, hitting the high points but not going into depth on any of them. If this book was designed to be used on its own, that would have dropped this down to two-stars, but as it is written to be used in tandem with a meatier, more course-specific book, it fits its role well. The student can use this to get a general handle on a topic without become overwhelmed, and this book manages to convey its points effectively; an early chapter provides an excellent debunking of using "Because the Bible says so" as an ethical justification. Within its role, this book performs well. By itself it will not ensure a passing grade in an ethics class, but if it's on the "recommended" list don't skip it: it's definitely helpful.

A great introduction to the study of Ethics. While it was written for college freshmen, I have used it successfully with high school students in Theology classes on social justice and philosophy. It's an engaging book, short on fancy terms (a good thing for beginners) and long on common sense ideas. The numerous stories and examples make it an interesting book. Highly recommended.

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This book is really good.

I love the approach of this book. I've always thought and taught that ethics are action or behavior oriented. That it's not enough to have good intentions. Mr. Weston presents an excellent argument that ethics goes "beyond living out our values to thinking them through." He encourages everyone to look critically at the both sides of issues and look for commonalities that unite rather than differences that divide. A Practical Companion to Ethics is not only a quick and easy read, it also provides concise examples that clearly illustrate points that are more complex. If you are even remotely interested in ethics or values or where you stand on larger issues you will find value in the many approaches that are logically organized within its 94 pages. - Karen L. Jett, CMA author of Grow Your People, Grow Your Business

I use this book as a supplementary text for a few of the philosophy courses I teach. As an introductory-level, supplementary text, it is quite helpful. One of Weston's core themes is how to promote constructive dialog, and how to avoid dialectical dead-ends. In a world beset with simplistic moral dualism, this is a handy toolkit.

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