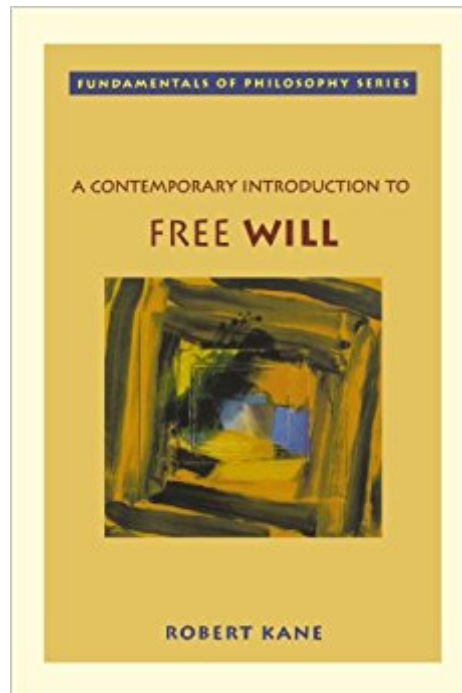




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# A Contemporary Introduction To Free Will



## Synopsis

Accessible to students with no background in the subject, *A Contemporary Introduction to Free Will* provides an extensive and up-to-date overview of all the latest views on this central problem of philosophy. Opening with a concise introduction to the history of the problem of free will--and its place in the history of philosophy--the book then turns to contemporary debates and theories about free will, determinism, and related subjects like moral responsibility, coercion, compulsion, autonomy, agency, rationality, freedom, and more. Classical compatibilist and new compatibilist theories of free will are considered along with the latest incompatibilist or libertarian theories and the most recent skeptical challenges to free will. Separate chapters are devoted to the relation of free will to moral responsibility and ethics; to modern science; and to religious questions about predestination, divine foreknowledge, and human freedom. Numerous down-to-earth examples and challenging thought experiments enliven the text. The book is an ideal addition to introduction to philosophy, metaphysics, and free will courses.

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It's definitely a good book and is great for philosophy, but it gets a lot of factual information wrong. Just throwing out what I'm reading now: chapter 7.1, Kane writes that the Oklahoma City Bombing occurred on April 15, 1995, but it actually occurred on April 19 (their death toll is short by about 30 too -- 130 vs 168). Similarly, they said Columbine happened on April 20, 2000, but it happened on April 20, 1999. Call me nit picky, but stuff like that irritates me.

Bought for class. Its okay.

Well pleased! Thanks.

This is a great book, it was exactly what i needed for my class and was very informative. Highly recommended.

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An excellent basic introduction to the contemporary Free Will debate. Robert Kane, one of leading libertarian philosophers of free will, lucidly and concisely introduces the reader to all positions on the debate, and, what's most important, he's foremostly fair and unobtrusive about his position. The only flaw is, in my opinion, a much too short coverage of God's foreknowledge and human free will, but it does not deter from the general impression about this great book. A recommended read for anyone interested about the question of Free Will.

This is a very good resource for anyone looking for an overview of the issues surrounding free will.

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