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## Unit 2 Moral Philosophy

Blackburn, S. *Being Good*, OUP 2001: a lively, engaging, and quick introduction to the main issues of ethics, written in a very clear style.

Singer, P. (ed.) *A Companion to Ethics*, Blackwell 1991: an irreplaceable resource. Each essay, written for the beginner, is an excellent survey of a single topic.

Rachels, J. *The Elements of Moral Philosophy* (3rd ed.), McGraw-Hill 1999: one of the clearest, mid-length introductions to ethics there is. He considers normative theories in relation to practical issues.

Benn, P. *Ethics*, UCL Press 1998: a careful and accurate introduction across the whole range of normative and metaethical issues.

Norman, R. *The Moral Philosophers*, Clarendon Press 1983: one of the best introductions to the normative and metaethical theories of ethics via the great philosophers who held them. It also includes a good discussion of moral realism.

Mackie, J. *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong*, Penguin 1977 (or Viking 1991): the first two chapters present a powerful attack on moral realism.

Williams, B. *Morality*, CUP 1976: difficult, but excellent, discussions of subjectivism, relativism, the idea of 'good', and utilitarianism.

Smart, J. & Williams, B. *Utilitarianism: For and Against*, CUP 1973: one of the most informative discussions of utilitarianism - its structure, its motives, and its problems.

Singer, P. *Practical Ethics* (2nd ed.), CUP 1993: defending a utilitarian standpoint but discussing a wide range of arguments in practical ethics.

Glover, J. *Causing Death and Saving Lives*, Penguin 1977: as with Singer, but more detailed

Baggini, J. *Philosophy: Key Themes*, Palgrave MacMillan 2002

Crisp, R. *Mill on Utilitarianism*, Routledge 1997: a thorough, but clear, treatment of Bentham and Mill's utilitarianism

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