

In Platos Cave

Winner of the National Book Critics' Circle Award for Criticism. One of the most highly regarded books of its kind, "On Photography" first appeared in 1977 and is described by its author as " a progress of essays about the meaning and career of photographs." It begins with the famous " In Plato 's Cave" essay, then offers five other prose meditations on this topic, and concludes with a fascinating and far-reaching " Brief Anthology of Quotations."

Presents a new theory on the nature of consciousness and its relation to the brain. Evidence is drawn from introspection psychology, the neurosciences and cognitive science. Some of the classical arguments are also brought to bear - the Theory of Extension, for example.

In The Ladder, I claim that Plato was right. All human beings are born into a kind of cave, the darkness of which symbolizes our natural ignorance. What we call "philosophy" is just a determined attempt to escape the cave and break out into the light of day. The ladder referred to in the title is the power of human reason, which provides the means of reaching that light. Has anyone ever succeeded in reaching it? I do not know. All I know for sure is that I am not on the list of people who have. My goal in The Ladder is simply to help the reader do some intellectual spelunking. I will try to take the reader as many rungs up the ladder as I can. Along the way we will discuss the nature of wisdom, truth, God, and morality. We will draw on the insights of Socrates, Aristotle, Hume, Darwin, and Wittgenstein. Readers will no doubt find much in these pages with which to disagree. We should consider this a good thing. As noted in the Introduction, the books that profit us the most are often the ones we find the least congenial.

The world of the imagination and the world of the senses have always met in an unknown country with no fixed boundary where mimetic relationships are stretched past the breaking point with no more care or concern than an elephant in a house of mirrors would have for an ant. And even when the connection isn't obvious, there is still a connection between the web of words spun into a poem and that poem's causal factors. A always leads to B even when it does not seem possible to go from A to B because the journey takes place on a mobius strip stretched, folded, and refolded in on itself like it has had been placed on a taffy-pulling machine and been forgotten. But even when pulled and stretched out of shape, the causal link never breaks. The center does hold. Mere anarchy is never loosed upon the world. This book explores those hidden and transmogrifying steps and worlds I find when I step out my back door and find myself in worlds where one thing always leads to another.

Stepping Out of Plato's Cave
Plato's Cave

Plato's "Republic": An Introduction
No Country for Old Men

The Goats of Plato
Resurrected from Plato's Cave

In this memoir, Alvin Kernan recalls his life as a student, professor, provost and dean during his career in higher education. He recounts experiences at Columbia, Williams, Oxford, Yale and Princeton against a background of what it was like to work and teach in times of turbulent change.

In this volume a double strategy of framing television as both a prop and a body implant is used. McLuhan first saw television as a body with potential for global community. The author develops McLuhan's vision with more attention to political economy, body politics and bio-technology.

The definitive sequel to New York Times bestseller How the Scots Invented the Modern World is a magisterial account of how the two greatest thinkers of the ancient world, Plato and Aristotle, laid the foundations of Western culture—and how their rivalry shaped the essential features of our culture down to the present day. Plato came from a wealthy, connected Athenian family and lived a comfortable upper-class lifestyle until he met an odd little man named Socrates, who showed him a new world of ideas and ideals. Socrates taught Plato that a man must use reason to attain wisdom, and that the life of a lover of wisdom, a philosopher, was the pinnacle of achievement. Plato dedicated himself to living that ideal and went on to create a school, his famed Academy, to teach others the path to enlightenment through contemplation. However, the same Academy that spread Plato ' s teachings also fostered his greatest rival. Born to a family of Greek physicians, Aristotle had learned early on the value of observation and hands-on experience. Rather than rely on pure contemplation, he insisted that the truest path to knowledge is through empirical discovery and exploration of the world around us. Aristotle, Plato ' s most brilliant pupil, thus settled on a philosophy very different from his instructor ' s and launched a rivalry with profound effects on Western culture. The two men disagreed on the fundamental purpose of the philosophy. For Plato, the image of the cave summed up man ' s destined path, emerging from the darkness of material existence to the light of a higher and more spiritual truth. Aristotle thought otherwise. Instead of rising above mundane reality, he insisted, the philosopher ' s job is to explain how the real world works, and how we can find our place in it. Aristotle set up a school in Athens to rival Plato ' s Academy: the Lyceum. The competition that ensued between the two schools, and between Plato and Aristotle, set the world on an intellectual adventure that lasted through the Middle Ages and Renaissance and that still continues today. From Martin Luther (who named Aristotle the third great enemy of true religion, after the devil and the Pope) to Karl Marx (whose utopian views rival Plato ' s), heroes and villains of history have been inspired and incensed by these two master philosophers—but never outside their influence. Accessible, riveting, and eloquently written, The Cave and the Light provides a stunning new perspective on the Western world, certain to open eyes and stir debate. Praise for The Cave and the Light " A sweeping intellectual history viewed through two ancient Greek lenses . . . breezy and enthusiastic but resting on a sturdy rock of research. " —Kirkus Reviews " Examining mathematics, politics, theology, and architecture, the book demonstrates the continuing relevance of the ancient world. " —Publishers Weekly " A fabulous way to understand over two millennia of history, all in one book. " —Library Journal " Entertaining and often illuminating. " —The Wall Street Journal

Allegory of the Cave by Plato. From The Republic By Plato..... The Allegory of the Cave, or Plato's Cave, was presented by the Greek philosopher Plato in his work Republic to compare "the effect of education () and the lack of it on our nature". It is written as a dialogue between Plato's brother Glaucon and his mentor Socrates, narrated by the latter. The allegory is presented after the analogy of the sun (500b–509c) and the analogy of the divided line (509d–511e). All three are characterized in relation to dialectic at the end of Books VII and VIII..... Plato begins by having Socrates ask Glaucon to imagine a cave where people have been imprisoned from birth. These prisoners are chained so that their legs and necks are fixed to forcing them to gaze at the wall in front of them and not look around at the cave, each other, or themselves. Behind the prisoners is a fire, and between the fire and the prisoners is a raised walkway with a low wall, behind which people walk carrying objects or puppets "of men and other living things." The people walk behind the wall so their bodies do not cast shadows for the prisoners to see, but the objects they carry do ("just as puppet showmen have screens in front of them at which they work their puppets." The prisoners cannot see any of what is happening behind them, they are only able to see the shadows cast upon the cave wall in front of them. The sounds of the people talking echo off the walls, and the prisoners believe these sounds come from the shadows..... Socrates suggests that the shadows are reality for the prisoners because they have never seen anything else; they do not realize that what they see are shadows of objects in front of a fire, much less that these objects are inspired by real things outside the cave.

Plato Versus Aristotle, and the Struggle for the Soul of Western Civilization

Selected Dialogues of Plato

Plato
Socrates And The Allegory Of The Cave

The Cave

The Benjamin Jowett Translation

From the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize –winning author of The Road comes a "profoundly disturbing and gorgeously rendered" novel (The Washington Post) that returns to the Texas-Mexico border, setting of the famed Border Trilogy. The time is our own, when rustlers have given way to drug-runners and small towns have become free-fire zones. One day, a good old boy named Lewellyn Moss finds a pickup truck surrounded by a bodyguard of dead men. A load of heroin and two million dollars in cash are still in the back. When Moss takes the money, he sets off a chain reaction of catastrophic violence that not even the law—in the person of aging, disillusioned Sheriff Bell—can contain. As Moss tries to evade his pursuers—in particular a mysterious mastermind who flips coins for human lives—McCarthy simultaneously strips down the American crime novel and broadens its concerns to encompass themes as ancient as the Bible and as bloodily contemporary as this morning ' s headlines. No Country for Old Men is a triumph. Look for Cormac McCarthy's new novel, The Passenger.

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No one understands the "Make America Great Again" effort with more insight and more experience than former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Gingrich was an ally of President Ronald Reagan during his 1980 "Let's Make America Great Again" campaign. In 1994, Newt was the architect of the Contract with America and the campaign that ended 40 years of Democratic control in the House of Representatives. As a friend and supporter of President Donald Trump, Gingrich authored the #1 New York Times bestseller Understanding Trump, which explained the 2016 election and the early Trump presidency in ways no one else could. In Trump's America: The Truth About Our Nation's Great Comeback, Gingrich describes our country's tremendous turnaround under President Donald Trump's leadership - and confronts the desperate efforts by the elites in academia, the media, and the Washington establishment to undermine and distort his achievements. The Americans who elected President Trump expect him to make good on his iconic call to "Make America Great Again." So far, he is making good on his promise. The swamp is being drained, the judiciary is being restored, the economy is growing rapidly, unemployment is in decline, and America's strength and standing as the world's dominant super power is improving daily. Meanwhile, Trump's opponents in Washington and the media are lashing out because they can't stand the fact that the President they deeply oppose is succeeding. Gingrich understands the challenges faced by the White House staff, the role fake news plays in modern politics, and the ropes of legislative infighting in Congress. Trump's America tells the truth that the elites in the media and Washington don't want you to know. MartinHeidegger is one of thetwentieth century's most important philosophers, renowned for his explorationof "the question of being". He was Professor of Philosophy at the Universitïesof Marburg and Freiburg and his influence is felt in such diverse subjects asphilosophy, theology, literary theory and artificial intelligence. The Essence of Truth is an examinationof the most fundamental themein Heidegger's philosophy: the difference between truth as 'the unhiddenness ofbeings' and truth as 'the correctness of propositions'. Based on a courseof lectures delivered at the University of Freiburg in 1932, the book presents Heidegger's original analysis of Plato's philosophy and represents an important discussion of a fundamental subject of philosophy through the ages.

The Republic

Television and Its Discontents

Moral Inquiry in Plato's Meno

A Natural Philosophy of Mind and Knowledge

The Allegory of the Cave

On Plato's Cave Allegory and Thaeetetus

The Republic is a dialogue by Plato in which the famous Athenian philosopher examines the nature of an ideal society. The insights are profound and timeless. A landmark of Western literature, The Republic is essential reading for philosophy students.

Philosophical Practice is an international movement of philosophers who believe that philosophy can help us live a fuller life. Ran Lahav, a major contributor to the field, explains his vision of philosophy as a journey towards self-transformation and how it is applied in practice in the context of counseling, companionships, and other settings.

A provocative study of the complex relations between philosophy and journalism. The discussion addresses such subjects as the essential nature of journalism, news value, the relation of journalism to education, the ideal of a free press, and practical strategies for press reform and the improvement of journalism.

Philosophical practice is an international movement of philosophers who believe that philosophy can help us live our life more fully and deeply. Ran Lahav, a news contributor to the development of this field, presents here the approach which he has been developing for more than 20 years. The vision presented in this book is ambitious. It gives philosophy the task of transforming our life and elevating it, in line with the great visions of many important philosophers throughout the ages? Plato, Marcus Aurelius, Rousseau, Nietzsche, and many others. As in Plato's famous Allegory of the Cave, the role of philosophy is seen as helping us understand the narrow "cave" in which we are imprisoned and inspiring us to step out of this cave towards greater and richer horizons of human existence. This book discusses both the theory and practice of philosophical practice, and it explains how to apply them to the main formats of the field: philosophical counseling, self-reflection groups, and philosophical companionships. On the theoretical level, it presents a general conception of everyday life and its limitation, of the power of philosophizing, and of personal self-transformation. On the practical level, it explains in detail the process of philosophical practice, its different stages, strategies, and techniques. Many case-studies illustrate these ideas in a concrete, accessible way. Overall, this book is a complete guide for anybody interested in philosophical practice, from the beginner to the experienced philosophical practitioner.

The Truth about Our Nation's Great Comeback

Philosophical Practice and Self-Transformation

Sophia in Plato's Cave

The Journalist in Plato's Cave

Five Dialogues, Bearing on Poetic Inspiration; [translated by Percy Bysshe Shelley and Others, with an Introd. by A.D. Lindsay

From Socrates to Sartre

The Allegory of the Cave, or Plato's Cave, was presented by the Greek philosopher Plato in his work the Republic (514a-520a) to compare "the effect of education () and the lack of it on our nature". It is written as a dialogue between Plato's brother Glaucon and his mentor Socrates, narrated by the latter. The allegory is presented after the analogy of the sun (500b-509c) and the analogy of the divided line (509d-511e). All three are characterized in relation to dialectic at the end of Books VII and VIII (531d-534e). Plato has Socrates describe a group of people who have lived chained to the wall of a cave all of their lives, facing a blank wall. The people watch shadows projected on the wall from objects passing in front of a fire behind them, and give names to these shadows. The shadows are the prisoners' reality. Socrates explains how the philosopher is like a prisoner who is freed from the cave and comes to understand that the shadows on the wall are not reality at all, for he can perceive the true form of reality rather than the manufactured reality that is the shadows seen by the prisoners. The inmates of this place do not even desire to leave their prison; for they know no better life. Socrates remarks that this allegory can be paired with previous writings, namely the analogy of the sun and the analogy of the divided line.Plato begins by having Socrates ask Glaucon to imagine a cave where people have been imprisoned from birth. These prisoners are chained so that their legs and necks are fixed, forcing them to gaze at the wall in front of them and not look around at the cave, each other, or themselves (514a-b). Behind the prisoners is a fire, and between the fire and the prisoners is a raised walkway with a low wall, behind which people walk carrying objects or puppets "of men and other living things" (514b). The people walk behind the wall so their bodies do not cast shadows for the prisoners to see, but the objects they carry do ("just as puppet showmen have screens in front of them at which they work their puppets" (514a)). The prisoners cannot see any of what is happening behind them, they are only able to see the shadows cast upon the cave wall in front of them. The sounds of the people talking echo off the walls, and the prisoners believe these sounds come from the shadows (514c).Socrates suggests that the shadows are reality for the prisoners because they have never seen anything else; they do not realize that what they see are shadows of objects in front of a fire, much less that these objects are inspired by real things outside the cave (514b-515a).Plato then suggests that one prisoner is freed. This prisoner would look around and see the fire. The light would hurt his eyes and make it difficult for him to see the objects casting the shadows. If he were told that what he is seeing is real instead of the other version of reality he sees on the wall, he would not believe it. In his pain, Plato continues, the freed prisoner would turn away and run back to what he is accustomed to (that is, the shadows of the carried objects). He writes "... it would hurt his eyes, and he would excuse by turning away to the things which he was able to look at, and these he would believe to be clearer than what was being shown to him."Plato continues: "Suppose... that someone should drag him... by force, up the rough ascent, the steep way up, and never stop until he could drag him out into the light of the sun." The prisoner would be angry and in pain, and this would only worsen when the radiant light of the sun overwhelms his eyes and blinds him. "Slowly, his eyes adjust to the light of the sun. First he can only see shadows. Gradually he can see the reflections of people and things in water and then later see the people and things themselves. Eventually, he is able to look at the stars and moon at night until finally he can look upon the sun itself (516a)."

Did you ever wonder if there's more out there? Did anyone ever try to lead you away from what you know into something you don't know? That's what happens to the three pigs; you'll encounter in this book. They are in a cave. Will they ever leave it, though? Our hero, Floyd the Fly, tries to convince them to explore what he has discovered. The story we adapted for you was told over 2400 years ago -in Plato's famous Republic- by a man who always wanted to know: Socrates.

Cave Blindness Like Plato's cave-dwellers who only saw inaccurate reflections of reality on the wall, America has been blinded to dangerous realities inside and outside our borders, argues award-winning journalist Mort Rosenblum. Our ignorance is not just deplorable, it is literally killing us—and others. Rosenblum—who has reported from more than one hundred countries, many of which he has outlived—explains how we all can and must learn more about what's really happening in the Middle East, Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, in matters of war, peace, business, the environment, and education. This cri de coeur by one of our planet's most eloquent journalists is a must-read for anyone concerned about what they don't see in the newspaper or on TV. Escaping Plato's Cave offers both insight and practical ways for Americans to get out of the cave and see what's really going on around us.

From a philosopher and a neuropsychologist, a radical rethinking of certain traditional views about human cognition and behavior. Plato's Allegory of the Cave trapped us in the illusion that mind is separate from body and from the natural and physical world. Knowledge had to be eternal and absolute. Recent scientific advances, however, show that our bodies shape mind, thought, and language in a deep and pervasive way. In Out of the Cave, Mark Johnson and Don Tucker--a philosopher and a neuropsychologist--propose a radical rethinking of certain traditional views about human cognition and behavior. They argue for a theory of knowing as embodied, embedded, enactive, and emotionally based. Knowing is an ongoing process--shaped by our deepest biological and cultural values. Johnson and Tucker describe a natural philosophy of mind that is emerging through the convergence of biology, psychology, computer science, and philosophy, and they explain recent research showing that all of our higher-level cognitive activities are rooted in our bodies through processes of perception, motive control of action, and feeling. This developing natural philosophy of mind offers a psychological, philosophical, and neuroscientific account that is at once scientifically valid and subjectively meaningful--allowing us to know both ourselves and the world.

The Cave and the Light

Shadow Philosophy: Plato's Cave and Cinema

Out of the Cave

Neanderthals in Plato's Cave

The Trial and Death of Socrates

Spelunking in Plato's Cave

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Shadow Philosophy: Plato ' s Cave and Cinema is an accessible and exciting new contribution to film-philosophy, which shows that to take film seriously is also to engage with the fundamental questions of philosophy. Nathan Andersen brings Stanley Kubrick ' s film A Clockwork Orange into philosophical conversation with Plato ' s Republic, comparing their contributions to themes such as the nature of experience and meaning, the character of justice, the contrast between appearance and reality, the importance of art, and the impact of images. At the heart of the book is a novel account of the analogy between Plato ' s allegory of the cave and cinema, developed in conjunction with a provocative interpretation of the most powerful image from A Clockwork Orange, in which the lead character is strapped to a chair and forced to watch violent films. Key features of the book include: a comprehensive bibliography of suggested readings on Plato, on film, on philosophy, and on the philosophy of film a list of suggested films that can be explored following the approach in this book, including brief descriptions of each film, and suggestions regarding its philosophical implications a summary of Plato ' s Republic, book by book, highlighting both dramatic context and subject matter. Offering a close reading of the controversial classic film A Clockwork Orange, and an introductory account of the central themes of the philosophical classic The Republic, this book will be of interest to both scholars and students of philosophy and film, as well as to readers of Plato and fans of Stanley Kubrick.

Dual inheritance theory (DIT) recognizes the fact that for the last 50 millennia cultural evolution has had a marked impact on our anatomy, behavior and cognition. Unfortunately, by considering cumulative cultural evolution as the natural choice of all cognitively modern humans, DIT implies that technological innovation is the index of progress, and that the ratcheting of innovations becomes the goal of cultural evolution. This is accomplished by developing a certain degree of social complexity in which the biased copying of cultural models becomes a technique of cultural transmission. Small and isolated populations are therefore doomed, and the treadmill model takes effect, in which the lack of demographic strength results in impaired social learning and loss/infidelity in copying. However, the anthropological literature documents small and isolated groups that havepitted these handicapsdeveloped intricate exchange networks that do not necessarily rely on technological innovation and function only in low demographical settings. Not only that the parameters upon which cultural transmission is based in DITprestige, skills, successeare unknown, but certain leveling mechanisms ensure that these parameters become eliminated and thus, no cultural models can rise to prominence. Interestingly, these societies do not seem to be plagued by cultural loss and, instead of hopelessly running the treadmill and living in poverty, they have developed egalitarian and, to an extent, affluent societies. The cultural evolution of these groups does not rely on accumulation, but rather on reduction. The reductive cultural orientations of such primitive societies are not an ancestral developmental stage, but rather an independent achievement. Populations following a reductive cultural orientationknown in anthropology as immediate-return hunters-gatherersare often described as pedomorphic, due to their markedly neoteneson features. On the other hand, populations that follow a cumulative type of cultural evolution are surprisingly rugged phenotypes. In the case of the latter, a cultural leap occurred during the Middle/Upper Paleolithic transition, which resulted in the entrenchment of archaic behavioral traits upon which hierarchical societies became established. Conversely, in the case of reductive orientations, a cultural regression seems to have occurred, but only during the early Holocene. The adoption of a cultural primitivismimmediate-return subsistenceoffered a degree of flexibility that allowed for a neotenal leap. This enabled the reduction of archaic behavioral traits and the emergence of egalitarian societies.

"Julia Annas provides an incisive exploration of the many-sided and elusive genius whose wide-ranging, bold, and influential ideas continue to challenge, provoke, and inspire us today"--Page 4 of cover.

Challenging Plato's Aesthetic Assessment of Taste, Smell and Touch

The Science and Philosophy of (brain, Consciousness, and Perception)

Virtue in the Cave

The Philosophic Quest

Escaping From Plato's Cave

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It is an excellent book – highly intelligent, interesting and original. Expressing high philosophy in a readable form without trivialising it is a very difficult task and McAleer manages the task admirably. Plato is, yet again, intensely topical in the chaotic and confused world in which we are now living. Philip Allott, Professor Emeritus of International Public Law at Cambridge University This book is a lucid and accessible companion to Plato ' s Republic, throwing light upon the text ' s arguments and main themes, placing them in the wider context of the text ' s structure. In its illumination of the philosophical ideas underpinning the work, it provides readers with an understanding and appreciation of the complexity and literary artistry of Plato ' s Republic. McAleer not only unpacks the key overarching questions of the text – What is justice? And Is a just life happier than an unjust life? – but also highlights some fascinating, overlooked passages which contribute to our understanding of Plato ' s philosophical thought. Plato ' s Republic: An Introduction offers a rigorous and thought-provoking analysis of the text, helping readers navigate one of the world ' s most influential works of philosophy and political theory. With its approachable tone and clear presentation, it constitutes a welcome contribution to the field, and will be an indispensable resource for philosophy students and teachers, as well as general readers new to, or returning to, the text.

One of very few monographs devoted to Plato's Meno, this study emphasizes the interplay between its protagonists, Socrates and Meno. It interprets the Meno as Socrates' attempt to persuade his interlocutor, by every device at his disposal, of the value of moral inquiry—even though it fails to yield full-blown knowledge—and to encourage him to engage in such inquiry, insofar as it alone makes human life worth living.

The Trial and Death of Socrates includes the four Platonic dialogues Euthyphro, Apology, Crito and Phaedo. The Allegory of the Cave, or Plato's Cave, was presented by the Greek philosopher Plato in his work Republic (514a – 520a) to compare "the effect of education () and the lack of it on our nature". It is written as a dialogue between Plato's brother Glaucon and his mentor Socrates, narrated by the latter. The allegory is presented after the analogy of the sun (500b – 509c) and the analogy of the divided line (509d – 511e). All three are characterized in relation to dialectic at the end of Books VII and VIII (531d – 534e). Plato has Socrates describe a group of people who have lived chained to the wall of a cave all of their lives, facing a blank wall. The people watch shadows projected on the wall from objects passing in front of a fire behind them, and give names to these shadows. The shadows are the prisoners' reality.

A Relativistic Approach to Cultural Evolution

In Plato's Cave

How America's Blindness to the Rest of the World Threatens Our Survival

The Essence of Truth

Escaping Plato's Cave

A Meditation on the Substance of Love

A challenging new look at the great thinkers whose ideas have shaped our civilization From Socrates to Sartre presents a rousing and readable introduction to the lives, and times of the great philosophers. This thought-provoking book takes us from the inception of Western society in Plato ' s Athens to today when the commanding power of Marxism has captured one third of the world. T. Z. Lavine, Elton Professor of Philosophy at George Washington University, makes philosophy come alive with astonishing clarity to give us a deeper, more meaningful understanding of ourselves and our times. From Socrates to Sartre discusses Western philosophers in terms of the historical and intellectual environment which influenced them, and it connects their lasting ideas to the public and private choices we face in America today. From Socrates to Sartre formed the basis of from the PBS television series of the same name.

An unassuming family struggles to keep up with the ruthless pace of progress in " a genuinely brilliant novel " from a Nobel Prize winner (Chicago Tribune). A Los Angeles Times Best Book of the Year and a New York Times Notable Book Cipriano Algor, an elderly potter, lives with his daughter Marta and her husband Mar çal in a small village on the outskirts of The Center, an imposing complex of shops, apartments, and offices. Mar çal works there as a security guard, and Cipriano drives him to work each day before delivering his own humble pots and jugs. On one such trip, he is told not to make any more deliveries. People prefer plastic, apparently. Unwilling to give up his craft, Cipriano tries his hand at making ceramic dolls. Astonishingly, The Center places an order for hundreds, and Cipriano and Marta set to work—until the order is cancelled and the penniless trio must move from the village into The Center. When mysterious sounds of digging emerge from beneath their new apartment, Cipriano and Mar çal investigate; what they find transforms the family ' s life, in a novel that is both " irrepressibly funny " (The Christian Science Monitor) and a " triumph " (The Washington Post Book World). " The struggle of the individual against bureaucracy and anonymity is one of the great subjects of modern literature, and Saramago is often matched with Kafka as one of its premier exponents. Apt as the comparison is, it doesn ' t convey the warmth and useful human dimension of novels like Blindness and All the Names. Those qualities are particularly evident in his latest brilliant, dark allegory, which links the encroaching sterility of modern life to the parable of Plato ' s cave. . . . [a] remarkably generous and eloquent novel. " —Publishers Weekly Translated from the Portuguese by Margaret Jull Costa

As Plato ' s famous Allegory of the Cave teaches us, philosophy can transform our life and elevate it. It can help us understand the narrow " cave " in which we are imprisoned and inspire us to step out of it towards greater horizons. This book discusses the theory and practice of philosophical practice in counseling, self-reflection groups, and the individual ' s personal search. Many case-studies illustrate the process in an accessible way. This is a complete guide for anybody who wants to take a philosophical journey towards a deeper life. Ran Lahav received his PhD in philosophy and MA of psychology from the University of Michigan. He is a major contributor to field of philosophical practice and has worked extensively with individuals and groups. He teaches philosophy and psychology, has published articles and books about the field, and has given numerous lectures and workshops around the world.

Benjamin Jowett's translations of Plato have long been classics in their own right. In this volume, Professor Hayden Pelliccia has revised Jowett's renderings of five key dialogues, giving us a modern Plato faithful to both Jowett's best features and Plato's own mastery style. Gathered here are many of Plato's liveliest and richest texts. Ion takes up the question of poetry and introduces the Socratic method. Protagoras discusses poetic interpretation and shows why cross-examination is the best way to get at the truth. Phaedrus takes on the nature of rhetoric, psychology, and love, as does the famous Symposium. Finally, Apology gives us Socrates' art of persuasion put to the ultimate test--defending his own life. Pelliccia's new Introduction to this volume clarifies its contents and addresses the challenges of translating Plato freshly and accurately. In its combination of accessibility and depth, Selected Dialogues of Plato is the ideal introduction to one of the key thinkers of all time.

Trump's America

A Retelling For Children (ft. Floyd the Fly)

On Photography

The Ladder

Stepping Out of Plato's Cave: Philosophical Counseling, Philosophical Practice, and Self-Transformation

Christ's Shadow in Plato's Cave