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Essential Writings Broadview Press

This clear and comprehensive anthology, culled from the vast corpus of Christian mystical literature by the renowned theologian and historian Bernard McGinn, presents nearly one hundred selections, from the writings of Origen of Alexandria in the third century to the work of twentieth-century mystics such as Thomas Merton. Uniquely organized by subject rather than by author, *The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism* explores how human life is transformed through the search for direct contact with God. Part one examines the preparation for encountering God through biblical interpretation and prayer; the second part focuses on the mystics' actual encounters with God; and part three addresses the implications of the mystical life, showing how mystics have been received over time, and how they practice their faith through private contemplation and public actions. In addition to his illuminating Introduction, Bernard McGinn provides accessible headnotes for each section, as well as numerous biographical sketches and a selected bibliography. Praise for *The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism* "No one is better equipped than Bernard McGinn to provide a thorough and balanced guide to this vast literature....This is an anthology which deserves to be read not only by those who study Christian history and theology, but by believers who long to deepen their own lives of prayer and service." -- Anglican Theological Review "Bernard McGinn, a preeminent historian and interpreter of the Christian mystical tradition, has edited this fine collection of mystical writings, organizing them thematically....McGinn offers helpful introductions to each thematic section, author and entry, as well as a brief critical bibliography on mysticism. Published in the Modern Library Classic series, this is a great value." -- Christian Century "No-one is better equipped than Professor McGinn to provide a thorough and balanced guide to this vast literature. A first-class selection, by a first-class scholar." -- Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury "This accessible anthology by the scholarly world's leading historian of the Western Christian mystical tradition easily outstrips all others in its comprehensiveness, the aptness of its selection of texts, and in the intelligent manner of its organization." -- Denys Turner, Horace Tracy Pitkin Professor of Historical Theology, Yale Divinity School "An immensely rich anthology, assembled and introduced by our foremost student of mysticism. Both the scholar and the disciple will find God's plenty here." -- Barbara Newman, Professor of English, Religion, and Classics, John Evans Professor of Latin, Northwestern University "An unusually clear and insightful exposition of major texts selected by one of the greatest scholars in the field of Christian mysticism, based on his vast erudition and uniquely sensitive interpretation. Like his other books, this one too is destined to become a classic." -- Professor Moshe Idel, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Selections from The Dark Night, The Spiritual Canticle, and The Living Flame of Love Orbis Books

A volume of Thomas Paine's most essential works, showcasing one of American history's most eloquent proponents of democracy. Upon publication, Thomas Paine's modest pamphlet *Common Sense* shocked and spurred the founding American colonies of 1776 to action. It demanded freedom

from Britain—when even the most fervent patriots were only advocating tax reform. Paine's daring prose paved the way for the Declaration of Independence and, consequently, the Revolutionary War. For "without the pen of Paine," as John Adams said, "the sword of Washington would have been wielded in vain." Later, his impassioned defense of the French Revolution, *Rights of Man*, caused a worldwide sensation. Napoleon, for one, claimed to have slept with a copy under his pillow, recommending that "a statue of gold should be erected to [Paine] in every city in the universe." Here in one volume, these two complete works are joined with selections from Paine's other major essays, "The Crisis," "The Age of Reason," and "Agrarian Justice." Includes a Foreword by Jack Fruchtman Jr. and an Introduction by Sidney Hook

Zhuangzi: The Essential Writings with Selections from Traditional Commentaries Seven Stories Press

The intersection of motherhood and creative life is explored in these writings on mothering that turn the spotlight from the child to the mother herself. Here, in memoirs, testimonials, diaries, essays, and fiction, mothers describe first-hand the changes brought to their lives by pregnancy, childbirth, and mothering. Many of the writers articulate difficult and socially unsanctioned maternal anger and ambivalence. In *Mother Reader*, motherhood is scrutinized for all its painful and illuminating subtleties, and addressed with unconventional wisdom and candor. What emerges is a sense of a community of writers speaking to and about each other out of a common experience, and a compilation of extraordinary literature never before assembled in a single volume.

William James Routledge

A major publishing event, the collected writings of the groundbreaking scholar who "first coined intersectionality as a political framework" (Salon) For more than twenty years, scholars, activists, educators, and lawyers—inside and outside of the United States—have employed the concept of intersectionality both to describe problems of inequality and to fashion concrete solutions. In particular, as the *Washington Post* reported recently, "the term has been used by social activists as both a rallying cry for more expansive progressive movements and a chastisement for their limitations." Drawing on black feminist and critical legal theory, Kimberlé Crenshaw developed the concept of intersectionality, a term she coined to speak to the multiple social forces, social identities, and ideological instruments through which power and disadvantage are expressed and legitimized. In this comprehensive and accessible introduction to Crenshaw's work, readers will find key essays and articles that have defined the concept of intersectionality, collected together for the first time. The book includes a sweeping new introduction by Crenshaw as well as prefaces that contextualize each of the chapters. For anyone interested in movement politics and advocacy, or in racial justice and gender equity, *On Intersectionality* will be compulsory reading from one of the most brilliant theorists of our time.

The Essential Writings of Rousseau New City Press

Presents Essential Writings Of Mahatma Gandhi Under 8 Different Sections-Autobiographical Writings-The Search For God-Pursuit Of Truths Stead Fast Resistance And Epilogue.

Common Sense, The Rights of Man and Other Essential Writings of Thomas Paine Harper Collins

Essayist, lecturer, poet, and America's first "public intellectual," Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82) is

the central figure in nineteenth-century American letters and the leader (albeit reluctantly) of the Transcendental group. A literary mover and shaker, Emerson directed his unpopular early radicalism toward social institutions (the Church, education, literary conventions); by his death in 1882, however, his reputation was already solidifying as a national icon. Somewhere between the iconic sage and the speculative idealist lies an Emerson that students don't often encounter, a flesh-and-blood figure whose writings testify to his continuing exploration of the individual's place in an increasingly conformist and crowded world. In its selections and its apparatus, this Broadview edition bridges the gap between Emerson and students by stressing his real-world engagements. The collection contains a range of prose and poetry addressing some of Emerson's major concerns—nature and the self, imagination and the poet, religion and social reform—as he explores the enduring question “How shall I live?” Historical appendices include primary materials on Transcendentalism; the contemporary debate about the nature of biblical miracles; other authors' responses to Emerson as a writer and thinker; and the development of his complex reputation as a representative American. Copy-texts in this edition are the first published versions of each text, restored here as Emerson's initial audience would have read them.

Meister Eckhart Hackett Publishing

The influence of Vannevar Bush on the history and institutions of twentieth-century American science and technology is staggeringly vast. As a leading figure in the creation of the National Science Foundation, the organizer of the Manhattan Project, and an adviser to Presidents Roosevelt and Truman during and after World War II, he played an indispensable role in the mobilization of scientific innovation for a changing world. A polymath, Bush was a cofounder of Raytheon, a pioneer of computing technology, and a visionary who foresaw the personal computer and might have coined the term “web.” Edited by Bush's biographer, G. Pascal Zachary, this collection presents more than fifty of Bush's most important works across four decades. His subjects are as varied as his professional pursuits. Here are his thoughts on the management of innovation, the politics of science, research and national security, technology in public life, and the relationship of scientific advancement to human flourishing. It includes his landmark introduction to *Science, the Endless Frontier*, the blueprint for how government should support research and development, and much more. The works are as illuminating as they are prescient, from considerations of civil-military relations and the perils of the nuclear arms race to future encyclopedias and information overload, the Apollo program, and computing and consciousness. Together, these pieces reveal Bush as a major figure in the history of science, computerization, and technological development and a prophet of the information age.

Basil Moreau Modern Library

Introduction by Mary Oliver Commentary by Henry James, Robert Frost, Matthew Arnold, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Henry David Thoreau The definitive collection of Emerson's major speeches, essays, and poetry, *The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson* chronicles the life's work of a true “American Scholar.” As one of the architects of the transcendentalist movement, Emerson embraced a philosophy that championed the individual, emphasized independent thought, and prized “the splendid labyrinth of one's own perceptions.” More than any writer of his time, he forged a style distinct from his European predecessors and embodied and defined what it meant to be an

American. Matthew Arnold called Emerson's essays “the most important work done in prose.”

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(Updated, full-color edition) *Jewish Antiquities* and *The Jewish War* take on a brilliant new dimension in this revised edition of the award-winning translation and condensation. Now with color photographs, charts, and maps.

Essential Writings Great Books in Philosophy

In these writings monastic wisdom meets the spiritual questions and hungers of our age. “Much of our life may be a wandering in the desert lands, but we do find springs of water. If what is called 'God' means in the language of experience the ultimate Source of Meaning, then those moments that quench the thirst of the heat are moments of prayer.” David Steindl-Rast (b. 1926), an Austrian-born Benedictine monk, is one of the most influential spiritual teachers in the world. Founder of the Mount Savior Monastery in Elmira, New York, he was an early pioneer in the field of Buddhist-Christian dialogue. As a leading figure in the House of Prayer movement, he contributed to a broad renewal of religious life. In classic books such as *Gratefulness*, *The Heart of Prayer*, and *A Listening Heart*, he advanced the notion of “grateful living.” *Gratefulness*, he wrote, is “the inner gesture of giving meaning to our life by receiving life as a gift.”

The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson Modern Spiritual Masters

This volume is a translation of over two-thirds of the classic Daoist text *Zhuangzi* (Chuang Tzu), including the complete Inner Chapters and extensive selections from the Outer and Miscellaneous Chapters, plus judicious selections from 2000 years of traditional Chinese commentaries, which provide the reader access to the text as well as to its reception and interpretation. Brief biographies of the commentators, a bibliography, a glossary, and an index are also included.

Mohandas Gandhi Kregel Academic

FINALIST--2008 PEN TRANSLATION PRIZE In *The Essential Writings of Machiavelli*, Peter Constantine has assembled a comprehensive collection that shows the true depth and breadth of a great Renaissance thinker. Refreshingly accessible, these superb new translations are faithful to Machiavelli's original, beautifully crafted writings. The volume features essays that appear in English for the first time, such as “A Caution to the Medici” and “The Persecution of Africa.” Also included are complete versions of the political treatise, *The Prince*, the comic satire *The Mandrake*, *The Life of Castruccio Castracani*, and the classic story “Belfagor”, along with selections from *The Discourses*, *The Art of War*, and *Florentine Histories*. Augmented with useful features—vital and concise annotations and cross-references—this unique compendium is certain to become the standard one-volume reference to this influential, versatile, and ever timely writer. “Machiavelli's stress on political necessity rather than moral perfection helped inspire the Renaissance by renewing links with Thucydides and other classical thinkers. This new collection provides deeper insight into Machiavelli's personality as a writer, thus broadening our understanding of him.” —Robert D. Kaplan, author of *Warrior Politics: Why Leadership Demands a Pagan Ethos* “Constantine's selection is not only intelligent; his translations are astonishingly good. Thoughtfully introduced by Albert Russell Ascoli, this edition belongs in everyone's library.” —John Jeffries Martin, professor and chair, department of history, Trinity University “If one were to assign a single edition of Machiavelli's

works, this most certainly would be it." –John P. McCormick, professor, department of political science, University of Chicago

Auguste Comte and Positivism Modern Spiritual Masters

Jefferson Davis is one of the most complex and controversial figures in American political history (and the man whom Oscar Wilde wanted to meet more than anyone when he made his tour of the United States). Elected president of the Confederacy and later accused of participating in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, he is a source of ongoing dissension between northerners and southerners. This volume, the first of its kind, is a selected collection of his writings culled in large part from the authoritative Papers of Jefferson Davis, a multivolume edition of his letters and speeches published by the Louisiana State University Press, and includes thirteen documents from manuscript collections and one privately held document that have never before appeared in a modern scholarly edition. From letters as a college student to his sister, to major speeches on the Constitution, slavery, and sectional issues, to his farewell to the U.S. Senate, to his inaugural address as Confederate president, to letters from prison to his wife, these selected pieces present the many faces of the enigmatic Jefferson Davis. As William J. Cooper, Jr., writes in his Introduction, "Davis's notability does not come solely from his crucial role in the Civil War. Born on the Kentucky frontier in the first decade of the nineteenth century, he witnessed and participated in the epochal transformation of the United States from a fledgling country to a strong nation spanning the continent. In his earliest years his father moved farther south and west to Mississippi. As a young army officer just out of West Point, he served on the northwestern and southwestern frontiers in an army whose chief mission was to protect settlers surging westward. Then, in 1846 and 1847, as colonel of the First Mississippi Regiment, he fought in the Mexican War, which resulted in 1848 in the Mexican Cession, a massive addition to the United States of some 500,000 square miles, including California and the modern Southwest. As secretary of war and U.S. senator in the 1850s, he advocated government support for the building of a transcontinental railroad that he believed essential to bind the nation from ocean to ocean."

John Main Modern Library

"Drawing from all of his many published books, as well as little-known essays and several pieces translated specially for this volume, Gustavo Gutierrez: Essential Writings provides an overview and an entry into the mind of a great modern Christian thinker." "Twenty-five years after the publication of his classic work A Theology of Liberation, this anthology offers a comprehensive view of the work of this Peruvian priest and theologian. Gutierrez has permanently altered the modern theological landscape, challenging all theologians and the world church to hear the gospel message from the "underside of history," from the perspective of the poor and oppressed."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Hegel: Essential Wri New Age Books

Mahatma Gandhi was a profound and original thinker, one of the most influential figures in the history of the twentieth century, and a famous advocate of non-violent civil resistance. His many and varied writings largely respond to the specific challenges he faced throughout his life, and they show his evolving ideas, as well as his deepening spirituality and humanity, over several decades. Drawn from the full range of Gandhi's published work--books, articles, broadcasts, interviews, letters--this

superb selection illuminates his thinking on religion and spirituality, on society and its problems, on politics and British rule, and on non-violence and civil disobedience. The pieces are arranged to underscore Gandhi's belief that transformation in human life should be from the roots upwards, from the individual through to social and political relations. The Introduction by Judith Brown--a leading authority on Gandhi--provides a succinct account of his life and his ambiguous role in the Indian nationalist movement, examines what kind of thinker and writer Gandhi was, and shows how he built a coherent body of thought. About the Series: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the broadest spectrum of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, voluminous notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

The Essential Writings Oxford University Press

Newly translated by Peter Constantine Edited and with an Introduction by Leo Damrosch The Essential Writings of Rousseau collects the best and most indispensable work of one of the world's most influential writers. A towering figure of Enlightenment thought, Jean-Jacques Rousseau was also one of that movement's most passionate and persuasive critics. His extraordinarily original observations on politics, education, and human nature were provocative in their day and remain resonant more than two hundred years after his death. Rousseau's 1762 treatise *The Social Contract* laid intellectual groundwork for both the American and French Revolutions, influencing such figures as Thomas Jefferson. An eloquent writer with profound insight into human psychology, Rousseau also penned one of the most compelling autobiographies ever written--the magisterial *Confessions*. The entirety of the first three books of that masterpiece along with the complete *Social Contract* are included in this indispensable volume.

The Book of Mu Harper Collins

Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American essayist, lecturer, and poet who led the Transcendentalist movement of the mid 19th century. He was seen as a champion of individualism and a prescient critic of the countervailing pressures of society, and he disseminated his thoughts through dozens of published essays & correspondence and more than 1,500 public lectures and speeches across the United States. Ralph Waldo Emerson's essays & correspondence and speeches encompasses a number of subjects, never espousing fixed philosophical tenets, but developing certain ideas such as individuality, freedom, the ability of humankind to realize almost anything, and the relationship between the soul and the surrounding world. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote most of his important essays as lectures and speeches first, then revised them for print. His most famous collections of essays are contained in this volume and they were originally published in the 1840's 1841. In addition to twelve classic Ralph Waldo Emerson essays, this anthology volume also includes Waldo's Second Series and represents the core of Ralph Waldo Emerson's thinking. This anthology volume, titled *The Essential Writings of Ralph Waldo Emerson*, includes Waldo's well known essays; *Self-Reliance*, *History*, *Spiritual Laws*, *Love*, and *friendship* just to name a few. Whether derived from an Emerson speech, lecture, essay, or correspondence, this edition of Ralph Waldo Emerson's work is an invaluable literature compilation.

Albert Camus, the Essential Writings Modern Spiritual Masters

Most comprehensive compendium of writings by Chiara Lubich one of the most influential Catholic women of today.

David Steindl-Rast Orbis Books

Bede Griffiths, who died in 1994, was an English Benedictine monk who settled in India in 1955 and went on to become one of the great mystical teachers of our time. In India, where he assumed the dress and ascetic discipline of a Hindu holy man, Griffiths established a Christian community following the customs of a Hindu ashram. Through his immersion in the scriptures of India, he found wisdom and inspiration for his own Christian faith. This volume, which draws on his autobiographical volumes and his many other books, presents the ideal entry to the cosmic and mystical spirituality of a great spiritual guide.

The Essential Writings Ave Maria Press

“A canonical collection, splendidly and sensitively edited by Rudolph Byrd.” –Henry Louis Gates, Jr.

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One of the leading voices of the Harlem Renaissance and a crucial literary figure of his time, James Weldon Johnson was also an editor, songwriter, founding member and leader of the NAACP, and the first African American to hold a diplomatic post as consul to Venezuela and Nicaragua. This comprehensive volume of Johnson's works includes the seminal novel *Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*, poems from *God's Trombones*, essays on cultural and political topics, selections from Johnson's autobiography, *Along This Way*, and two previously unpublished short plays: *Do You Believe in Ghosts?* and *The Engineer*. Featuring a chronology, bibliography, and a Foreword by acclaimed author Charles Johnson, this Modern Library edition showcases the tremendous range of James Weldon Johnson's writings and their considerable influence on American civic and cultural life. “This collection of poetry, fiction, criticism, autobiography, political writing and two unpublished plays by James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) spans 60 years of pure triumph over adversity. [...Johnson's] nobility, his inspiration shine forth from these pages, setting moral and artistic standards.” —Los Angeles Times