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Ideas of Human Nature presents twelve of the most influential western thinkers on the topic of human nature. This updated second edition includes new chapters on Locke and Kant and a new conclusion on postmodernism. The thinkers are all examined in their historical context and their relevance to contemporary controversies is discussed.

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This is a key text for anyone interested in the theories that have affected the course of human history and continue to interest and challenge us today.

About the Author

Roger Trigg is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Warwick. His publications include *Rationality and Religion* (Blackwell, 1998), *Rationality and Science* (Blackwell, 1993) and *Understanding Social Science* (Blackwell, 1985). He was the first President (1993-6) of the British Society for the Philosophy of Religion, and in 1996-7 was Stanton Lecturer in the Philosophy of Religion at the University of Cambridge. He is currently President of the Mind Association.

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