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Featuring seminal work in the philosophies of mathematics and language, this comprehensive and assiduously edited collection also makes available his provocative and controversial views on religion and international relations.

Philosopher Bertrand Arthur William Russell (1872-1970) lived almost an entire century, a century full of change. He was one of the few who dared to provide answers to the impossible questions of twentieth century world politics. Several historians have analyzed his attitude towards war, but seldom did they agree on why Russell felt a certain way about war and what caused his often radical attitude. Also, many questions remained unanswered: why did he object to the First World War and supported the Second? And did he really advocate a preventive war against Russia? This book explains the background, motivations and passions behind Russell's sometimes seemingly controversial attitude towards the First World War, the Second World War and the Cold War. By analyzing the consistencies and changes in his thought between 1914 and 1970, the story of twentieth century struggles are relived through the eyes of this invincible rationalist from the nineteenth century.

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From 1895, the year he published his first signed article, to four days before his death in 1970 when he wrote his last, Bertrand Russell was a powerful force in the world of mathematics, philosophy, human rights and the struggle for peace. During those years he published 70 books, almost as many pamphlets and over 2,000 articles, he also contributed pieces to some 200 books. The availability of the Bertrand Russell Archives at McMaster University since 1968 has made it possible for the first time to compile a full, descriptive bibliography of his writings. The Collected Papers are based on it. Fully annotated, the Bibliography is textually oriented and will guide the scholar, collector and general reader to the authoritative editions of Russell's works. It includes references to the locations of all known speeches and interviews, and reproductions of the dust-jackets of Russell's books. Blackwell, Ruja and Turcon have cooperated for nearly 20 years on the new Bibliography. Lord Russell saw the extensive additions for it near the end of his life and declared: 'I am impressed.'

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Bertrand Russell is considered “the Voltaire of his time,” and Bradley Trevor Greive is considered one of the funniest people of his. Russell was a Nobel Laureate, and Greive is a New York Times bestselling author. Together, with Russell bringing the philosophy and Greive bringing the hilarious commentary, this book is a classic. In his celebrated essay, In Praise of Idleness, Russell champions the seemingly incongruous notion that realizing our full potential—and thus enjoying the greatest possible success and happiness—is not accomplished by working harder or smarter, but through harnessing the extraordinary power of idleness. Russell's penetrating insights and exquisite turns of phrase feel as fresh and relevant today as when they were first written. Arguing that we can achieve far more by doing far less and that traditional wealth accumulation is a form of cultural and moral poverty, Russell demands greater depth from our age of abundant creativity and heralds the next wave of

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enlightened entrepreneurs.

Nicholas Rescher examines a number of controversial social issues using the intellectual tools of the philosopher, in an attempt to clarify some of the complexities of modern society, technology, and economics. He elucidates his thoughts on topics such as: whether technological progress leads to greater happiness; environmental problems; endangered species, costly scientific research on the frontiers of knowledge, medical/moral issues on the preservation of life; and crime and justice, among others.

The series is devoted to the publication of high-level monographs on all areas of mathematical logic and its applications. It is addressed to advanced students and research mathematicians, and may also serve as a guide for lectures and for seminars at the graduate level.

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When future generations come to analyze and survey twentieth-century philosophy as a whole, Bertrand Russell's logic and theory of knowledge is assured a place of prime importance. Yet until this book was first published in 1969 no comprehensive treatment of his epistemology had appeared.

Commentators on twentieth-century philosophy at the time assumed that Russell's important contributions to the theory of knowledge were made before 1921. This book challenges that assumption

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and draws attention to features of Russell's later work which were overlooked. The analysis starts with Russell's earliest views and moves from book to book and article to article through his enormous span of writing on the problems and theory of knowledge. The changes in ideas as he developed the theory are traced, and the study culminates in a statement of his latest views. His work is seen in a continuity in which the changes were part of the development of his mature thought, and the total evaluation and interpretation clarify many of the common misunderstandings of his philosophy. This is naturally of interest to all philosophers, and for students this is the answer to inevitable questions on the nature of Russell's ideas and their evolution. Nobel prize winner of year writes about man, nature, civilization, science, religion, politics, superstition, mores, God and philosophy.

In this collection of essays, Russell surveys the social and political consequences of his beliefs with characteristic clarity and humour. In *Praise of Idleness* is a tour de force that only Bertrand Russell could perform. Intolerance and bigotry lie at the heart of all human suffering. So claims Bertrand Russell at the outset of *In Praise of Idleness*, a collection of essays in which he espouses the virtues of cool reflection and free enquiry; a voice of calm in a world of maddening unreason. With characteristic clarity and humour, Russell surveys the social and political

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In this volume of essays Russell was concerned to combat the growth of dogmatism, whether of the Left or Right, which has hitherto characterised our tragic century.

New York Times bestselling author Bradley Trevor Greive breathes new life into Bertrand Russell's classic work, *In Praise of Idleness*, with a magical package that includes BTG's new introduction, biographical afterword, historical notes, additional quotations and comic illustrations. This is the perfect gift for the fearless literary connoisseur who values creativity, big ideas and revolutionary spirit.

Considered "the Voltaire of his time", Bertrand Russell was a fearless iconoclast who stood unbowed before political and religious leaders; his disdain for conventional thinking and accepted beliefs set him apart from his academic peers and at odds with the authorities throughout his long and storied life. Russell's penetrating insights and exquisite turns of phrase feel as fresh and relevant today as when they were first written. Arguing that we can achieve far more by doing far less, and that traditional wealth accumulation is a form of cultural

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and moral poverty, Russell demands greater depth from our age of abundant creativity and heralds the next wave of enlightened entrepreneurs. Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell, OM, FRS was a Welsh philosopher, logician, mathematician, historian, writer, social critic and political activist. He was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. New York Times bestselling author Bradley Trevor Greive (BTG) became a household name after writing *The Blue Day Book*. He has since gone on to become one of the world's most successful humour authors, and his books have sold more than 2.5 million copies in 29 languages and 115 countries. Born in Tasmania, BTG spent most of his childhood living in the United Kingdom, Hong Kong and Singapore before returning to Australia. After graduating from The Royal Military College, BTG served as a Paratrooper Platoon Commander in the Australian Army before starting his publishing career as a cartoonist with the *Sydney Morning Herald*. An internationally respected wildlife expert and accident-prone adventure sportsman, BTG was awarded the Order of Australia in 2014 for his services to literature and wildlife conservation. BTG is married and currently divides his time between Australia and the USA in order to placate his American in-laws.

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