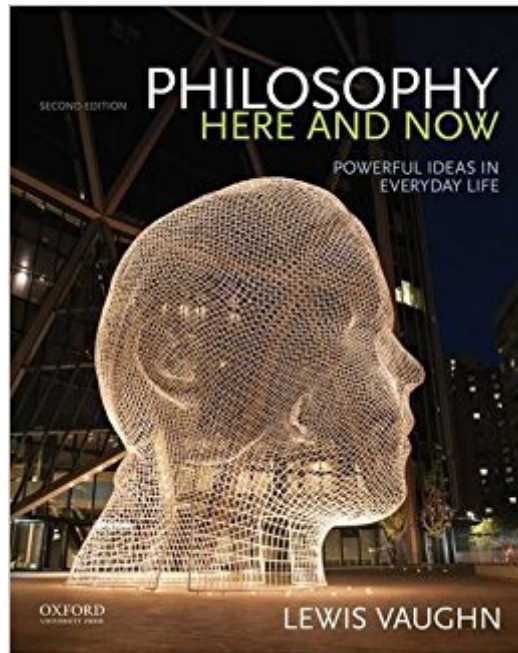




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# Philosophy Here And Now: Powerful Ideas In Everyday Life



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- A "How to Write a Philosophy Paper" appendix offers concise, step-by-step guidance in crafting an effective philosophical essay

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