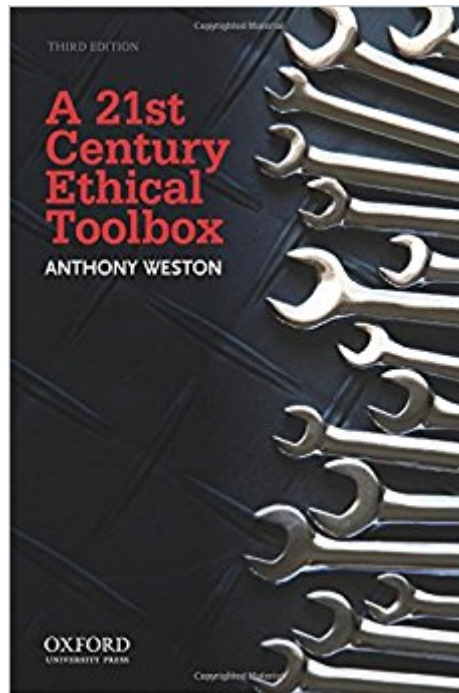




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# A 21st Century Ethical Toolbox



## Synopsis

Thoroughly optimistic, *A 21st Century Ethical Toolbox*, Third Edition, invites students to approach ethical issues with a reconstructive intent--to make room for more and better options than the rigid "pro" and "con" positions that have developed around tough problems like abortion and environmental ethics. Employing an accessible, consistently engaging writing style, Anthony Weston covers the skills that are vital to making real progress in ethics, including critical thinking, creative problem-solving, moral vision, genuine dialogue, and many more. Provocative selections from a wide range of philosophers, essayists, community activists, and students are interwoven with Weston's own discussions. The text is enhanced by extensive "Exercises and Notes" sections at the end of each chapter, new "Using Your Tools" sections after every two chapters, and a detailed guide for teachers as an appendix. Join instructors and students around the country who are using the experiential and applied activities inspired by this "toolbox" of skills to design interactive and collaborative ethics courses.

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best thing is price, my college wanted \$\$\$\$\$, cost \$!!!!

I have an online ethics course in which all I do is read. This was a required text so I wasn't expecting much. Turns out, this book is really helpful. Not only does it explain things very well and asks thought provoking questions, but its review questions are very helpful as a self-check. It is well organized and written so you can understand it. I wouldn't try using a highlighter, it looks like it would bleed through.

Book has lots of writing and is missing pages

Anthony Weston did a superb job of describing the complex realm of Ethics. And in case you feel that the chapters are too easy there are "For Review" sections that provide comprehension-based questions which highlight the main points. Then there are "Exercises and Notes" sections that provide case study's and further research into each topic. All in all a well-rounded textbook for any Ethics beginner.

Used it for school

I like the text, but the 2001 printing is apparently very different compared to the current edition. The layout is completely different which makes it unusable for class. Information is formatted in different chapters which makes it impossible to follow along in class. Great for the price, but dont use it far a

class.

First off, I am not philosophy major, I am reading this book for a required class that I am taking, I think that it is well written and for the most part a easy read. Some of the writings it uses from German and French philosophers, all though they have been translated to english, are so hard to follow they could use some further explanation in simpler language to understand what they are saying. As I was reading this book it felt like Weston had a Christian agenda that he was pushing. It was shocking to me how much Weston references "Christian values". For a book on ethics to be so heavily slanted to one set of view and to not look for similar values in other religions seems disingenuous to me. One technique Weston suggests we use is to "find common ground" I think that Weston has failed at this as he presents his ethical theories. Having said that, overall I am enjoying the book.

Bought this book for an Ethics class at the community college.

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