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Ideal for students with little or no background in philosophy, *Ethical Choices: An Introduction to Moral Philosophy with Cases* provides a concise, balanced, and highly accessible introduction to ethics. Featuring an especially lucid and engaging writing style, the text surveys a wide range of ethical theories and perspectives including consequentialist ethics, deontological ethics, natural and virtue ethics, the ethics of care, and ethics and religion.

Each chapter of *Ethical Choices* also includes compelling case studies that are carefully matched with the theoretical material. Many of these cases address issues that students can relate directly to their own lives: the drinking age, student credit card debt, zero tolerance policies, grade inflation, and video games. Other cases discuss current topics like living wills, obesity, human trafficking, torture "lite," universal health care, and just-war theory. The cases provide students with practice in addressing real-life moral choices, as well as opportunities to evaluate the usefulness and applicability of each ethical theory. Every case study concludes with a set of *Thought Questions* to guide students as they reflect upon the issues raised by that case.

Ethical Choices is enhanced by several pedagogical features. These include summaries at the end of each section, lists of key terms, questions *For Reflection and Discussion* at the end of each chapter, *Guidelines for a Case Study Analysis*, and suggestions *For Further Reading* that include Internet sources. Starred sections indicate more advanced material that may be included at the instructor's discretion. A **companion website** at **www.oup.com/us/burnor** contains additional resources for both students and instructors: chapter outlines, flashcards of key terms, sets of *Helpful Hints* to further aid students in mastering the material, and an additional chapter on our *Moral Obligations Towards the Future*.

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Okay, things to know about this book. It's a good beginner book to build a foundation on understanding what makes a strong theory, what the different concepts and key terms are, and breaks down popular theories like Kant's "Groundwork" into easy to understand parts. The book also provides quite a few case studies which are fun to think about. I wouldn't rely on it for all your Ethics study, but it's a solid starting point if you don't know where to begin.
