



## What Philosophy Can Do

By Professor of Philosophy Gary Gutting

Brilliance Corporation, United States, 2016. CD-Audio. Book Condition: New. Unabridged. 170 x 135 mm. Language: English . Brand New. A leading American philosopher brings the tools of his trade to contentious contemporary debates. How can we have meaningful debates with political opponents? How can we distinguish reliable science from overhyped media reports? How can we talk sensibly about God? In *What Philosophy Can Do*, Gary Gutting takes a philosopher's scalpel to modern life's biggest questions and the most powerful forces in our society: politics, science, religion, education, and capitalism to show how we can improve our discussions of contentious contemporary issues. Gutting introduces listeners to powerful analytic tools in the philosopher's arsenal that they can use to make new sense of current debates. One such tool is a crucial distinction between inductive and deductive reasoning that explains why both sides on a disputed issue often are sure they have compelling cases for their views. Another is the principle of charity, which requires opposing parties to present each other's arguments in their strongest forms—a tool that would make critiques both more respectful and more effective. Gutting also shows how concepts introduced by philosophers from Plato and...



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