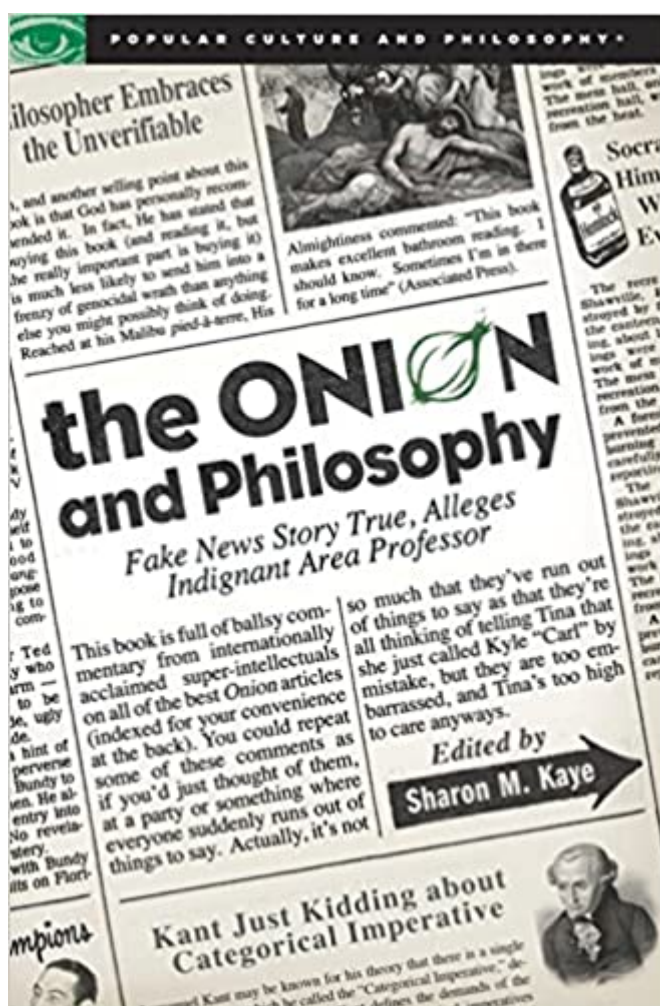


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# The Onion And Philosophy: Fake News Story True, Alleges Indignant Area Professor (Popular Culture And Philosophy)



## Synopsis

The Onion, with its unique brand of deadpan satirical humor, has become a familiar part of the American scene. The newspaper has a readership of over a million, and it reaches millions more with its spin-off books and The Onion News Network. The Onion has shown us that standard ways of thinking about the news have their grotesque and silly side, and this invites philosophical examination. Twenty-one philosophers were commissioned to figure out just what makes the Onion so truthful and insightful. Are the Onion writers truly cynical, or just cynically faking it? Does the Onion really have a serious point of view on religion? On sex? On politics? Who cares what Area Man thinks? If everyone's so dumb, how come so many Onion readers keep on laughing at how dumb they are?

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## Customer Reviews

Expect Onion quality writing, but not the Onion per se. This is a series of commentaries on philosophy using Onion articles as the basis. This is part of a much larger "Topic" and philosophy books. It's still very funny, very topical and quite interesting.

"Gullible buyer fails to read fine print on philosophy book presenting as a publication by the Onion - actually buys a book on philosophy!!! fails to see the humor"

there aren't really any actual onion stories in this. its essays ABOUT onion articles. not quite as charming. I read the whole thing, but didn't especially enjoy it.

I came across this book by accident while browsing in a book store, picked it up, and have been thoroughly delighted and amused by it. I've always thought The Onion was truly hilarious, but I didn't always understand why this was so. Many of the discussions in the book have helped me to put that gut reaction into words. Fundamentally, the Onion shows our discourse for what it often is: full of underlying meanings, unspoken truths, and sometimes outright deceptions and contradictions. It uses the technique of satire to do this very well. Sometimes this appears extremely cynical, and therefore ugly, but what you realize is that the Onion is deadly serious despite its hilarity. It's taking a moral stance, and sometimes a very strong one, on what our culture is all about, and it's not always pretty. Sometimes the issues are just silly, or just a matter of opinion, but other times the issues are deadly serious (as with religion, national defense, the environment, etc.). In all cases, we're full of illogic and absurdity, and the Onion shows that to us. The book helped me to understand this. And, you can pick up little tidbits of actual philosophy along the way too. Maybe it's not for everybody, but I loved it.

A terrific read. Reading philosophy generally tends to make my eyes glaze over and hurts my head, but this was great! I even understood some of it. And the constant reminder of those Onion headlines didn't hurt either.

This book hasn't cracked the top 100,000 top sellers at for a reason, it's hideous. If you're looking for comedy, stop. It's real philosophy, with a thin comedy wrapper so it can scam a few folks into buying it. If you're looking for philosophy, stop. It's just an anti-establishment tirade on all issues of the day. Not serious philosophy. The only funny thing about this book is how the essays contradict themselves before the halfway mark.

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