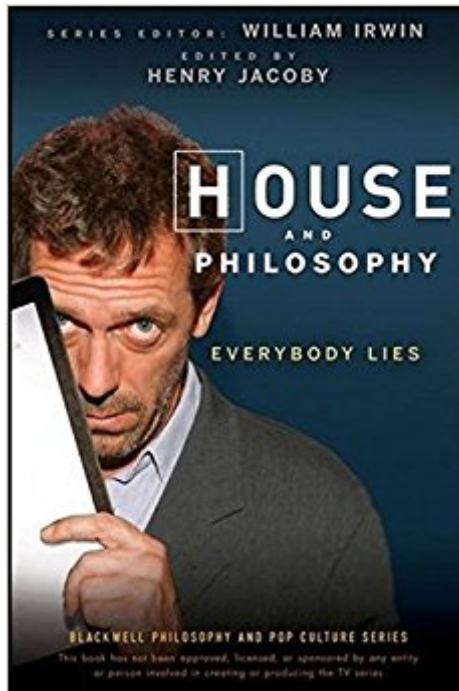




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# House And Philosophy: Everybody Lies



## Synopsis

An unauthorized look at the philosophical issues raised by one of today's most popular television shows: *House*. *House* is one of the top three television dramas on the air, pulling in more than 19 million viewers for each episode. This latest book in the popular Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture series takes a deeper look at the characters and issues raised in this Emmy Award-winning medical drama, offering entertaining answers to the fascinating ethical questions viewers have about Dr. Gregory House and his medical team. Henry Jacoby (Goldsboro, NC) teaches philosophy at East Carolina University. He has published articles primarily on the philosophy of mind and was a contributor to *South Park and Philosophy* (978-1-4051-6160-2).

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Princeton-Plainsboro Hospital.

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This is an excellent collection of essays with multiple perspectives on the enigmatic, complex, offensive, and fascinating Gregory House, M.D. I have used it with an English Composition class I teach at City College of San Francisco on Writing about Popular Culture and students have responded quite enthusiastically to some of the essays.

This was another solid entry in the Pop Culture and Philosophy series. There were several particularly strong essays, including individual essays discussing Cameron's ethics of care, the inherent selfishness of House and Wilson's friendship, and several essays examining House's disregard of patient consent and autonomy. However, many of the essays seemed to cover content from the same handful of episodes and many also reiterated the same basic philosophical concepts (i.e., utilitarianism and the Socratic method). It seems as though a stronger editor could have better controlled introduction of those topics and excised the repetitive content of multiple essays. Additionally, this was seemingly written before the bulk of season 5 aired so there isn't much content addressing the role of the new fellows. Still, I found this a worthwhile read. Kindle edition: Like all the Pop Culture and Philosophy books, paragraph spacing is a bit excessive. It can be a bit frustrating, particularly as font size increases. However, the book also features working footnotes and no noticeable OCR or typographical errors.

Love anything House

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House and Philosophy: Everybody Lies (The Blackwell Philosophy and Pop Culture Series) If you are a TRUE HOUSE fan, this book is truly a MUST HAVE!! It helps you to understand "Gregory

House" (and all the supporting cast of characters) and gives you insight into how the writers (and actors) created the TV Series (and cast), how they connect with each other within the Series, and the real life (or imaginary) persons -- i.e. Aristotle & Plato to Sherlock Holmes -- their personalities are taken from.

This is one of the greatest things that I have ever bought.

I was a philosophy major and I love this series of books!! I bought this as a gift and then also read it myself. I loved it and so did the giftee.

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