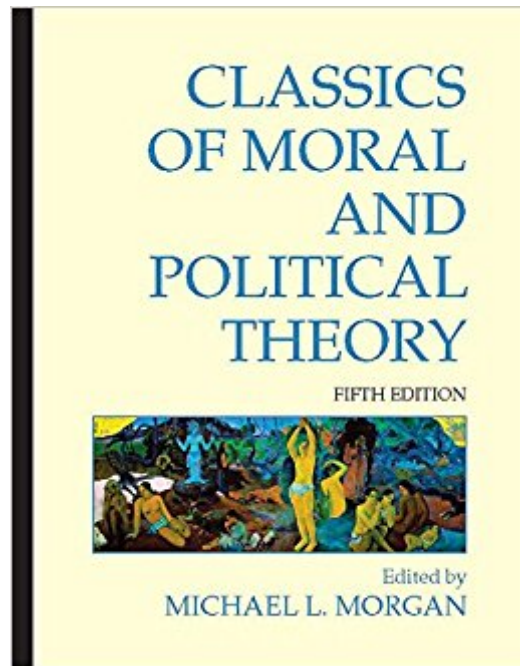




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Michael L. Morgan is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Indiana University. He is the editor of *Spinoza: Complete Works* (Hackett); the co-editor (with Peter Eli Gordon) of *The Cambridge Companion to Modern Jewish Philosophy*; and the author of, among other works, *Platonic Piety: Philosophy and Ritual in Fourth-Century Athens* (Yale), *Discovering Levinas* (CUP), and *On Shame* (Routledge).

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