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Simon Critchley is one of the clearest writers on this topic, and has a proven track record of writing accessibly for a non-specialist readership

Continental philosophy is one of the most popular philosophy courses at undergraduate level in Britain and the US

Covers philosophers such as Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Habermas, Foucault, and Derrida

Discusses the reasons for the 'split' between Continental and Anglo-American philosophy, and argues that philosophers should now attempt to overcome this divide

Simon Critchley's Very Short Introduction shows that Continental philosophy encompasses a distinct set of philosophical traditions and practices, with a compelling range of problems all too often ignored by the analytic tradition. He discusses the ideas and approaches of philosophers such as Kant, Hegel, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Habermas, Foucault, and Derrida, and introduces key concepts such as existentialism, nihilism, and phenomenology by explaining their place in the Continental tradition.

Readership: General readers interested in philosophers such as Nietzsche, Sartre, and Derrida, or who are curious about the split between Continental and Anglo-American philosophy. Students beginning Continental philosophy courses, or topics on individual Continental philosophers, who want an overview of the area. Many of these thinkers are taught as part of literary theory or cultural studies too. Philosophers working in the analytic tradition who want a balanced view from 'the other side'.