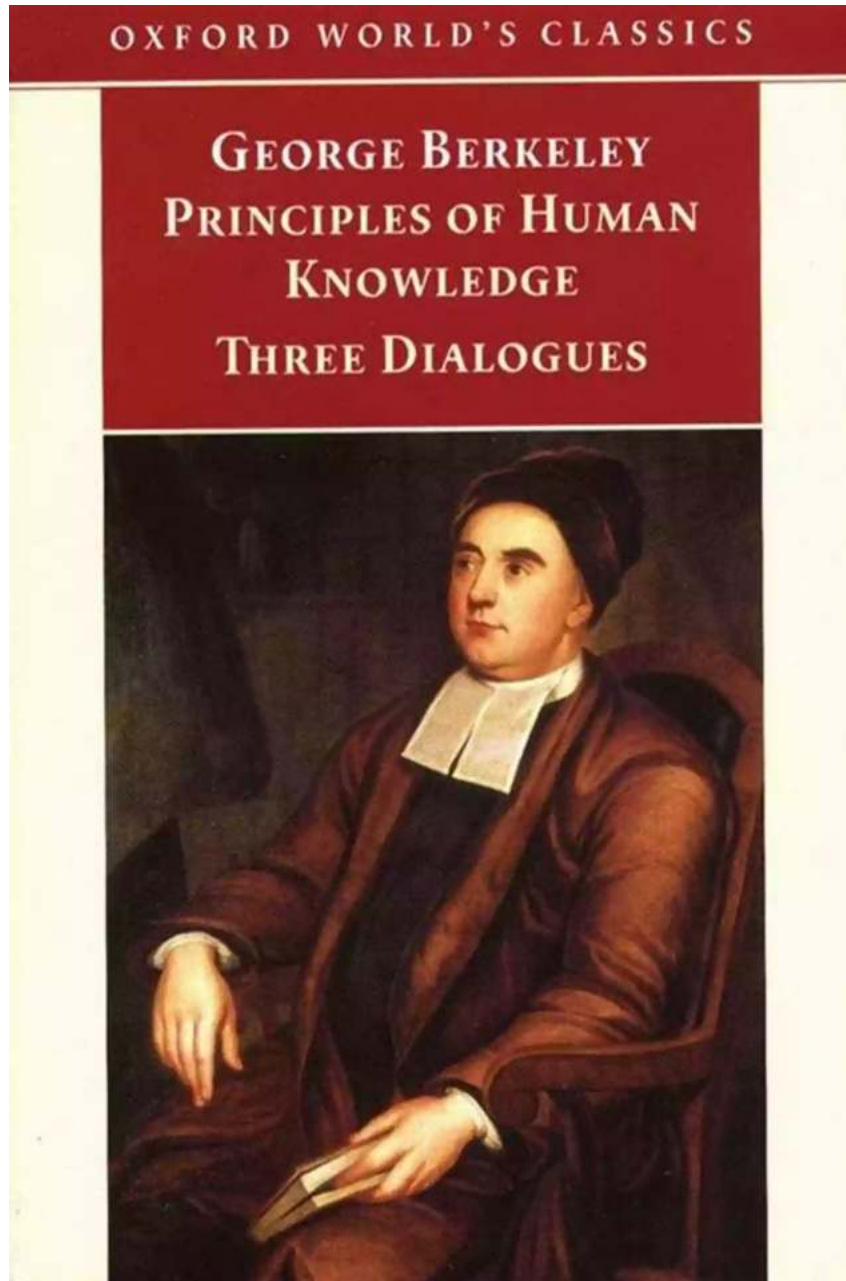


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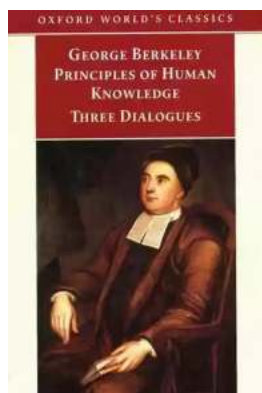


Have you ever wondered about the nature of reality? How do we know if what we perceive is real or merely a figment of our imaginations? George Berkeley, an Irish philosopher, grappled with these questions in his groundbreaking works, "Principles Of Human Knowledge" and "Three Dialogues." These texts, part of the

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Berkeley's philosophy questioned the traditional understanding of materialism, which asserts that the physical world is independent of human perception. His works were met with both intrigue and criticism, with some applauding his revolutionary ideas and others dismissing them as absurd. Nevertheless, Berkeley's writings continue to stimulate intellectual debate and offer valuable insights into the nature of reality.

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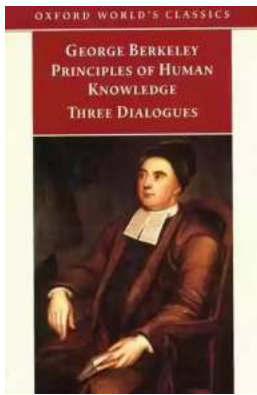
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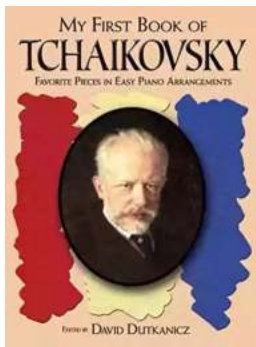
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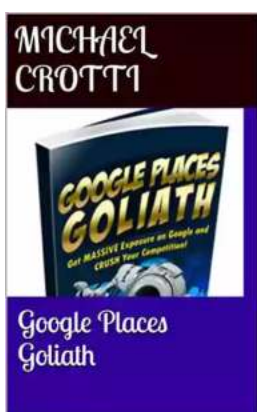
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