



Selected Works of Rene Descartes

By Rene Descartes

Theophania Publishing. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 246 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.6in. Rene Descartes was a French philosopher and writer who spent most of his adult life in the Dutch Republic. He has been dubbed the Father of Modern Philosophy, and much subsequent Western philosophy is a response to his writings, which are studied closely to this day. In particular, his Meditations on First Philosophy continues to be a standard text at most university philosophy departments. Descartes' influence in mathematics is equally apparent; the Cartesian coordinate system, allowing geometric shapes to be expressed in algebraic equations, was named after him. He is credited as the father of analytical geometry. Descartes was also one of the key figures in the Scientific Revolution. Descartes frequently sets his views apart from those of his predecessors. In the opening section of the Passions of the Soul, a treatise on the Early Modern version of what are now commonly called emotions, Descartes goes so far as to assert that he will write on this topic as if no one had written on these matters before. Many elements of his philosophy have precedents in late Aristotelianism, the revived Stoicism of the 16th century, or...



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