

Philosophy Books for UPSC

Philosophy Books for UPSC Paper 1

Paper 1 of the UPSC Philosophy Syllabus focused on western and Indian philosophy. This paper is purely conceptual and there is no applied part in it. Following is the Philosophy Optional Booklist for paper-1 that would help the candidates to learn about all the topics covered in the paper.

Philosophy Books for UPSC	
History & Problems of Philosophy	A History of Philosophy by Frank Thilly Survey of Indian Philosophy by C D Sharma Indian Philosophy, A Counter Perspective by Dr Daya Krishna Indian Philosophy II Volume by Dr S. Radhakrishnan
Existentialism	Existentialism: A Reconstruction by David Cooper Existentialism Is A Humanism by Jean-Paul
Indian Philosophy, and Western Philosophy	An Introduction to Indian Philosophy- S Chatterjee A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy- C Sharma A History of Philosophy- Frank Thilly Contemporary Western Philosophy- Dr B.K. Lal

Philosophy Optional Booklist for Paper 2

Paper 2 of the philosophy optional is vast, and you need the Best Philosophy Books for UPSC to cover the topics from this section. Paper-2 majorly deals with the socio-political philosophy of and philosophy of religion. Below we have mentioned some highly recommend **Indian Philosophy** books to cover this section. These books cover all the topics from paper-2 and help you to fetch good marks in the philosophy optional paper-2

- A History of Philosophy- **Frank Thilly**
- A Critical History of Western Philosophy- **Y Masih**

- Contemporary Western Philosophy- **Dr B.K. Lal**
- An Introduction to Political Theory by **O P Gauba**
- Introduction to Religious Philosophy By **Y Masih**
- Philosophy of Religion by **John H. Hick**

Best Indian Philosophy Books

Indian philosophy is a huge part of the philosophy optional paper-1, and questions from this topic will be asked in the interview round as well. That is why candidates should choose the best Indian Philosophy Books to cover this section. This part majorly focuses on Indian philosophy and share many concepts, that a UPSC aspirant must know. Some of the best books on Indian Philosophy are

- An Introduction to Indian Philosophy- **S Chatterjee**
- A Critical Survey of Indian Philosophy- **C Sharma**
- Indian Philosophy, A Counter Perspective by **Dr. Daya Krishna**
- Indian Philosophy II Volume by **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan**