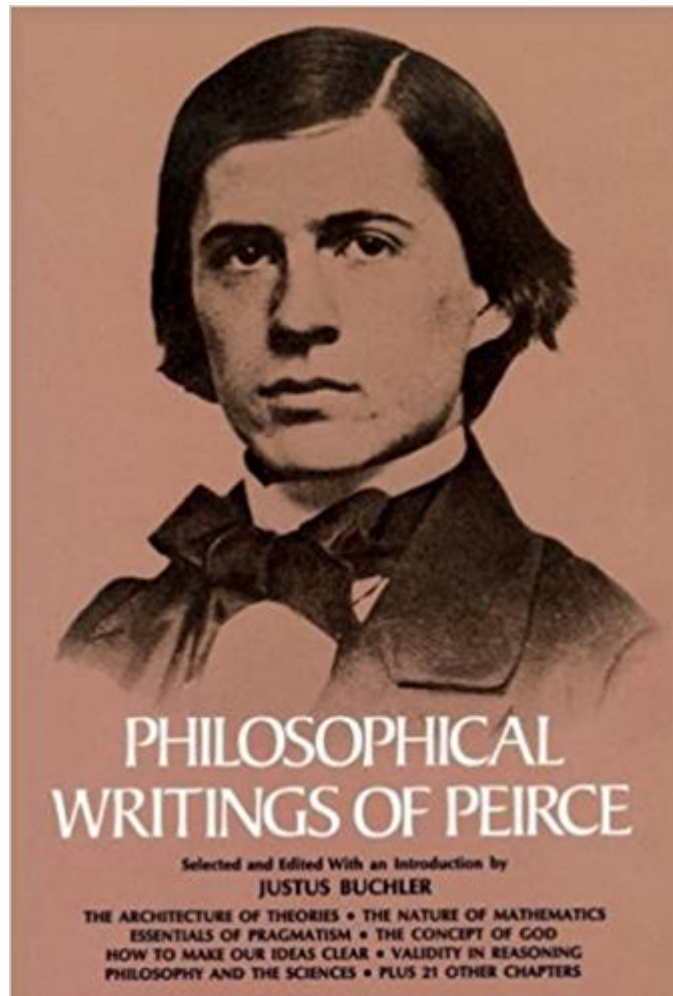




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# Philosophical Writings Of Peirce



## Synopsis

"An excellent, discerning introduction. It should prove a real boon to the student of Peirce." — • The Modern Schoolman

Charles S. Peirce was a thinker of great originality and power. Although unpublished in his lifetime, he was recognized as an equal by such men as William James and John Dewey and, since his death in 1914, has come to the forefront of American philosophy. This volume, prepared by the Johnsonian Professor of Philosophy at Columbia University, formerly chairman of Columbia's philosophy department, is a carefully balanced exposition of Peirce's complete philosophical system as set forth in his own writings. The 28 chapters, in which appropriate sections of Peirce's work are interwoven into a brilliant selection that reveals his essential ideas, cover epistemology, phenomenology, cosmology, and scientific method, with especially interesting material on logic as the theory of signs, pure chance vs. pure law in the universe, symbolic logic, common sense, pragmatism (of which he was the founder), and ethics. Justus Buchler is author of Charles Peirce's *Empiricism* (1939), *Philosophy: An Introduction* (with J. H. Randall, Jr., 1942), and more recently, a series of books which form an ongoing philosophic structure: *Toward a General Theory of Human Judgement* (1951), *Nature and Judgment* (1855), and *The Concept of Method* (1961). It has been said of these volumes, "A fresh and vital system of ideas has been introduced into the world of contemporary philosophy." (*Journal of Philosophy*). "It is a very signal advantage to have this collection of Peirce's most important work within the covers of a single substantial volume. We should all be very grateful to Mr. Buchler." — • John Laird, *Philosophy*

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## Customer Reviews

Peirce is a difficult writer/thinker/philosopher. I studied him 50 years ago and have tried to think like a pragmatist since then. But coming back to read some of his basic essays, I still find him difficult.

Super fast and item was as described! Thanks!!!!!!!!!!!!!!So the writing style is a little clunky but it is definitely a fascinating book that has a uniquely American perspective on the topics.BTW, this is a great edition.

Good selection of Peirce's semiotics, logic, etc. . Readers who want to home in on Peirce's semiotics may benefit from James Hoope's PEIRCE ON SIGNS.

Must be read as a keystone of intelligence

I'm not really sure what my 5 stars means as this is a collection of works. It probably means that I think he was a really important philosopher, more respected as time goes on, and that I find some sympathy with parts of his philosophy. No one should go into this book thinking it will be easy. Much of it is difficult to read and some of it seems subject to the same over-thinking of most philosophers, in my view anyway. I found the first few articles on thinking to be clearer than the later ones, though it is not presented chronologically. I found his pragmatism clear as mud and his semiotics impenetrable. It is possible I'm just not smart enough or don't try hard enough to understand it. It is also possible it is just a lot mental . . . . . I found his belief in God, stated in the last essay, to be so contrary to so many other positions he took that it was almost startling (although, emotionally understandable, given the time period in which he worked).I don't mean to diminish Peirce (as if I could). His epistemology was ahead of his time. Popper stated that had he discovered Peirce earlier in his life it would have made developing his own epistemology much easier, or something to that effect. And clearly Peirce was a deep and powerful thinker. But whenever I read virtually any philosopher other than Hume I quickly find that I think they have quickly gone beyond what I believe is credible. However, there is nothing easier than criticizing a philosopher and if there is anything in value in them, it is worth quite a lot.Overall, I think the editors did an excellent job presenting the most important part of his philosophy (pragmatism, semiotics or signs and fallibilism) and it is probably the best way for anyone who isn't doing his thesis on him to become familiar with him.

Very well selected articles that highlight some of Pierce most impressive work. The bad thing, poor

paper quality.....just paperback. Worth reading.

Survey/cartographer becomes logician and metaphysician. First use of the word 'semiotics' in the modern sense. He beat the French by quite a while.

A rare piece of American Philosophy: Every student should be aware of the "Father of Pragmatism."D.Sonek

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