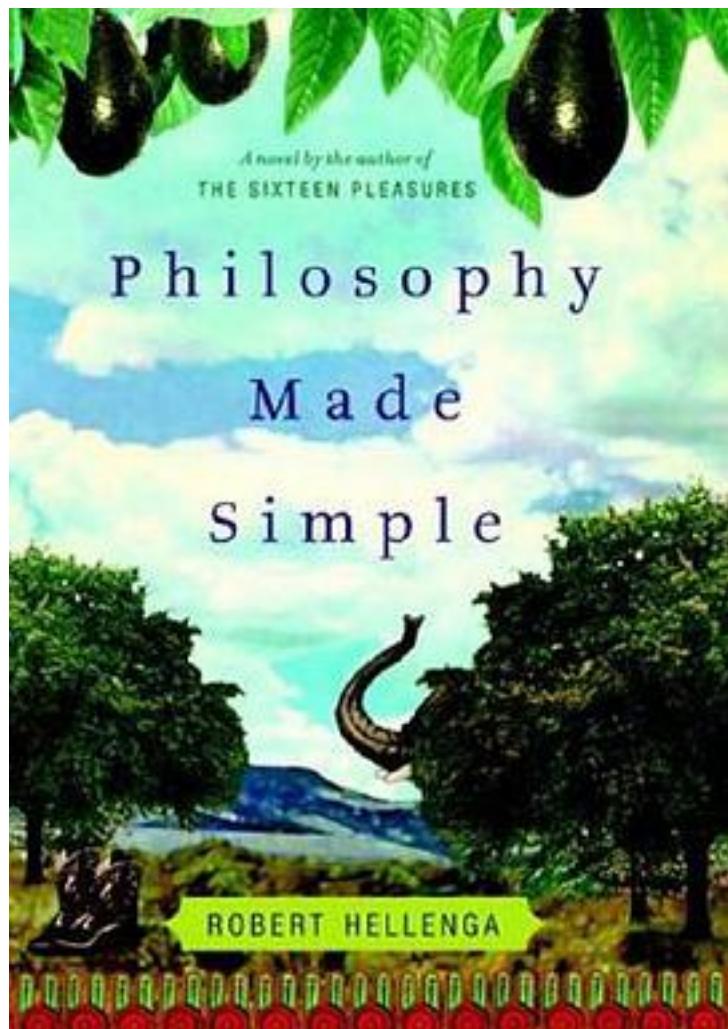


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Rudy Harrington has spent half his life in a rambling Chicago house, raising three

daughters with his independent-minded wife. But his wife has died, his daughters have moved away, and Rudy is restless. In what he interprets as a moment of transcendent vision, he puts the family home up for sale and buys an avocado grove in Texas. While adapting to his new vocation, new home, and new friends, Rudy takes up a book-Philosophy Made Simple-and begins to struggle with Plato and Aristotle, Hume and Schopenhauer. His newly acquired wisdom is put to the test when he enlists the neighborhood elephant to preside over his daughter+s Hindu wedding and falls in love with the groom+s mother. Hellenga brings back characters from his bestselling The Sixteen Pleasures and introduces many compelling new ones-including the elephant, who paints-in a novel that illuminates our deepest concerns: love and death, marriage and family, and the mysterious tug of beauty on the human heart.

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