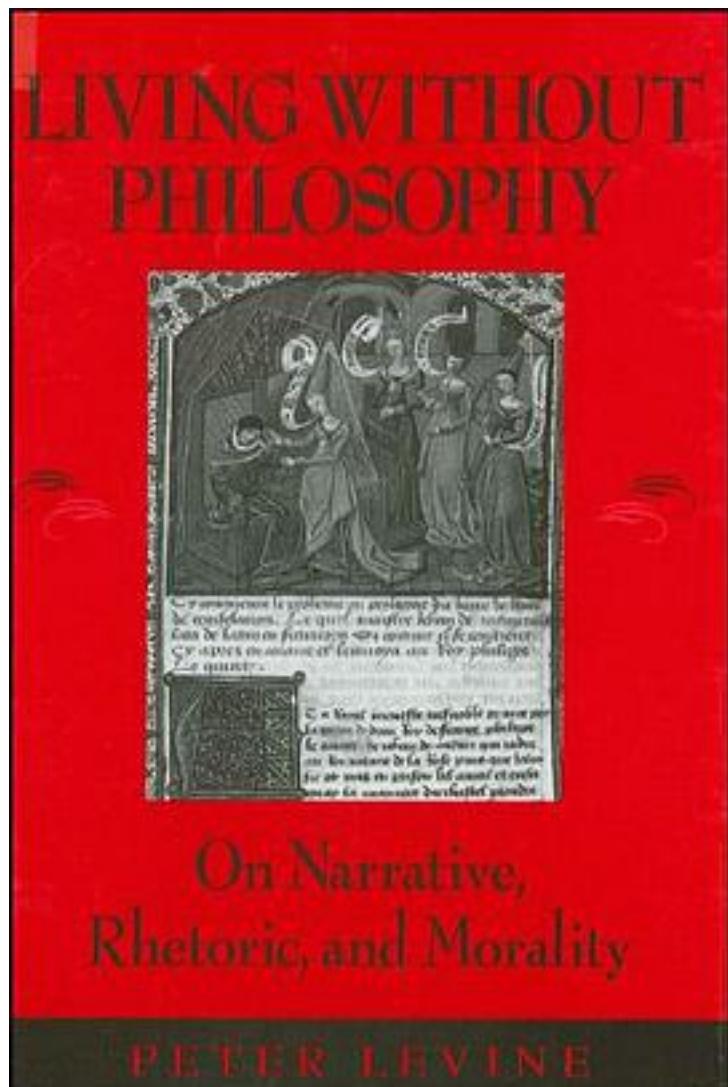


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Living Without Philosophy argues that we do not need ethical theories, rules, and principles to decide what is right. Instead, particular cases can be judged by a detailed description of the relevant circumstances. When our judgments differ, we can decide how to act by deliberating under fair conditions. The author provides both a philosophical argument for this position and readings of literary texts in which moral theorists are portrayed as concrete characters. These works include Plato's *Protagoras*, selections from the Gospels and Dante, Boethius's *Consolation of Philosophy*, the debate between Erasmus and Luther, Erasmus's *Praise of Folly*, Shakespeare's *King Lear*, Nabokov's *Lolita*, and Martin Luther King's Letter from a Birmingham Jail. Thus, Levine offers essentially a moral argument for the humanities, discussing the implications not only for ethics, but also for theology, law, politics, and education.

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