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This book is great for people interested in Philosophy, or for Behavioral Science Majors. Contains readings from Freud etc. For whatever reason my professor didn't teach much on it, but I read it on my own and enjoyed it.

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