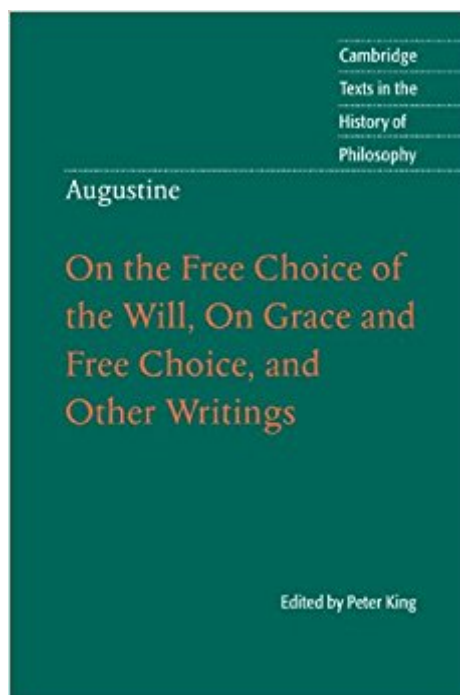


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As a college student, nearly 60 years ago, I met up with St. Augustine, who has been my guide and

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Augustine is the greatest theologian of Western Christianity. This book lays out in a concise manner his teachings on Free Choice of the Will taken from across his writings. This book is not for the novice to theology and much of it is written in a two person manner (a possibly fictitious person asking questions and Augustine answering them) and as such can be hard to follow sometimes.

Awesome

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