In Ethics: The Essential Writings, philosopher Gordon Marino skillfully presents an accessible, provocative anthology of both ancient and modern classics on matters moral. The philosophers represent 2,500 years of thought—from Plato, Kant, and Nietzsche to Alasdair MacIntyre, Susan Wolf, and more. The anthology includes extracts from ancient Chinese and Islamic, and Middle East texts, as well as major voices from the European Enlightenment, such as Voltaire and Montesquieu. The philosophers explore the traditional concerns of ethics: the nature of virtue, the meaning of moral language, and the link between morality and politics. They also address the hot-button concerns of today, such as animal rights, our duties to the environment, and contemporary legal and social issues. The result is a rich and varied collection that highlights the enduring relevance of philosophical thought to our lives.