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About the Author

Harry G. Frankfurt is Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Princeton University. His books include the best-selling "On Bullshit" (Princeton); "Necessity, Volition, and Love; The Importance of What We Care About;" and "Demons, Dreamers, and Madmen: The Defense of Reason in Descartes's Meditations".

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