Modern Philosophy, from Descartes to Schopenhauer (Classic Reprint)

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The modern age of philosophy began with René Descartes, who doubted everything and reduced our knowledge to one central concept. From Descartes to Schopenhauer and Hartmann, the field of modern philosophy emerged in response to the skeptical challenges of Descartes. Following the French philosopher and mathematician René Descartes, one of his main philosophical goals was to reconcile classical and modern philosophy. Schopenhauer, too, felt that Hegel had prematurely proclaimed the finality of his philosophy. Einstein's reading of Schopenhauer suggests a deep connection between the modern source classical philosophers from Descartes and Locke to Mill and Nietzsche. The creative reciprocity between the modern source classical philosophers and contemporary thinkers like Schopenhauer and Hartmann is a testament to the enduring influence of classical philosophy.