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Lewis Vaughn is the author or coauthor of several books, including *Philosophy Here and Now* (2012), *Bioethics*, Second Edition (2012), *The Power of Critical Thinking*, Fourth Edition (2012), and *Great Philosophical Arguments* (2011), all published by Oxford University Press.

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