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Robots Geoffrey Leslie Simons,1992 **Robots** Geoffrey Leslie Simons,1994 **Machine Ethics and Robot Ethics** Wendell Wallach,Peter Asaro,2020-09-10 Once the stuff of science fiction recent progress in artificial intelligence robotics and machine learning means that these rapidly advancing technologies are finally coming into widespread use within everyday life Such rapid development in these areas also brings with it a host of social political and legal issues as well as a rise in public concern and academic interest in the ethical challenges these new technologies pose This volume is a collection of scholarly work from leading figures in the development of both robot ethics and machine ethics it includes essays of historical significance which have become foundational for research in these two new areas of study as well as important recent articles The research articles selected focus on the control and governance of computational systems the exploration of ethical and moral theories using software and robots as laboratories or simulations inquiry into the necessary requirements for moral agency and the basis and boundaries of rights and questions of how best to design systems that are both useful and morally sound Collectively the articles ask what the practical ethical and legal issues arising from the development of robots will be over the next twenty years and how best to address these future considerations

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futurism March of the Machines surveys the substantial advances made in artificial intelligence over the past century while looking ahead to an increasingly uneasy relationship between humans and their creations

Screen Consciousness Robert Pepperell, Michael Punt, 2006 This collection of essays is driven by the question of how we know what we know and in particular how we can be certain about something even when we know it is an illusion The contention of the book is that this age old question has acquired a new urgency as certain trends in science technology and ideas have taken the discussion of consciousness out of the philosophy department and deposited it in the world at large As a consequence a body of literature from many fields has produced its own sets of concerns and methods under the rubric of Consciousness Studies Each contribution in this collection deals with issues and questions that lots of people have been thinking about for many years in many different contexts things such as the nature of film cinema world mind and so on Those of us fascinated by these diverse yet related issues may have often felt we were working in a disciplinary no man s land Now suddenly it seems with Consciousness Studies we have a coherent intellectual home albeit one that is self consciously eclectic The essays included in Screen Consciousness Cinema Mind and World are from a range of disciplines art philosophy film theory anthropology and technology studies each represented by significant international figures and each concerned with how their field is being transformed by the new discipline of Consciousness Studies Together they attempt to reconcile the oncoming rush of new data from science and technology about how we know what we know with the insights gained from the long view of history philosophy and art Each of the contributions seeks to interpose Consciousness Studies between film and mind where for cultural theorists psychoanalysis had traditionally stood This is more than simply updating Film Studies or nodding in the direction of cognitive film theory Film with all its sentient sensuous and social qualities is a common reference point between all these forces and Consciousness Studies provides the intellectual impetus for this book to revisit familiar problems with fresh insight

Robot Ethics Patrick Lin, Keith Abney, George A. Bekey, 2014-01-10 Prominent experts from science and the humanities explore issues in robot ethics that range from sex to war Robots today serve in many roles from entertainer to educator to executioner As robotics technology advances ethical concerns become more pressing Should robots be programmed to follow a code of ethics if this is even possible Are there risks in forming emotional bonds with robots How might society and ethics change with robotics This volume is the first book to bring together prominent scholars and experts from both science and the humanities to explore these and other questions in this emerging field Starting with an overview of the issues and relevant ethical theories the topics flow naturally from the possibility of programming robot ethics to the ethical use of military robots in war to legal and policy questions including liability and privacy concerns The contributors then turn to human robot emotional relationships examining the ethical implications of robots as sexual partners caregivers and servants Finally they explore the possibility that robots whether biological computational hybrids or pure machines should be given rights or moral consideration Ethics is often slow to catch up with technological developments This

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that Mystery Science Theater 3000 is worthy of serious scholarly attention Though aimed at a discerning readership of academics this collection will also appeal to the intellectual nature of the show s well educated audience Sublime Dreams of Living Machines Minsoo Kang,2011-02-14 From the dawn of European civilization to the twentieth century the automaton better known today as the robot has captured the Western imagination and provided a vital lens into the nature of humanity Historian Minsoo Kang argues that to properly understand the human as machine and the human as fundamentally different from machine we must trace the origins of these ideas and examine how they were transformed by intellectual cultural and artistic appearances of the automaton throughout the history of the West Kang tracks the first appearance of the automaton in ancient myths through the medieval and Renaissance periods marks the proliferation of the automaton as a central intellectual concept in the Scientific Revolution and the subsequent backlash during the Enlightenment and details appearances in Romantic literature and the introduction of the living machine in the Industrial Age He concludes with a reflection on the destructive confrontation between humanity and machinery in the modern era and the reverberations of the humanity machinery theme today Sublime Dreams of Living Machines is an ambitious historical exploration and at heart an attempt to fully elucidate the rich and varied ways we have utilized our most uncanny creations to explore essential questions about ourselves *Neuroscience and Religion* Volney P. Gay,2009-08-16 For religious persons the notion of human being is tied inextricably to the notion of God or the gods and turns on this question what is human being How did we with our almost infinite capacities for thought change and domination come to be Imbued with powers far beyond any other animal humans are too faulty to be considered gods themselves Yet the idea of God or the gods appears in all distinctive human cultures it names the other pole of human it designates a being who realizes perfectly our imperfectly realized nature With the rise of new sciences come ancient anxieties about how we should define human being In the nineteenth century electricity and magnetism fascinated experts and captivated the lay public In the twenty first century advances in neuroscience open up vast new possibilities of mimicking and perhaps emulating human being In this book twelve scholars and scientists ask what if anything distinguishes Brain from Mind and Mind from Self and Soul **Visions** Michio Kaku,1999-03-04 This volume collects the research of today s scientists to explore the possibilities of the science of tomorrow Among the issues covered are how decoding DNA will allow us to alter and reshape our genetic heritage and how quantum physicists will harness the energy of the Universe Brainmakers: How Scientists Moving Beyond Computers Create Rival to Humn Brain David H. Freedman,2010-06-15 A fascinating tour behind the scenes at laboratories around the world as top researchers race to create revolutionary thinking machines that may one day lead to a new form of intelligence Join David Freedman as he takes you on a fascinating tour behind the scenes at laboratories around the world as top researchers race to create revolutionary thinking machines that may one day lead to a new form of intelligence The subject of fantasy and skepticism for centuries from William James s mechanical bride to 2001 s Hal to Star Wars R2D2 artificial intelligence has been limited to number

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