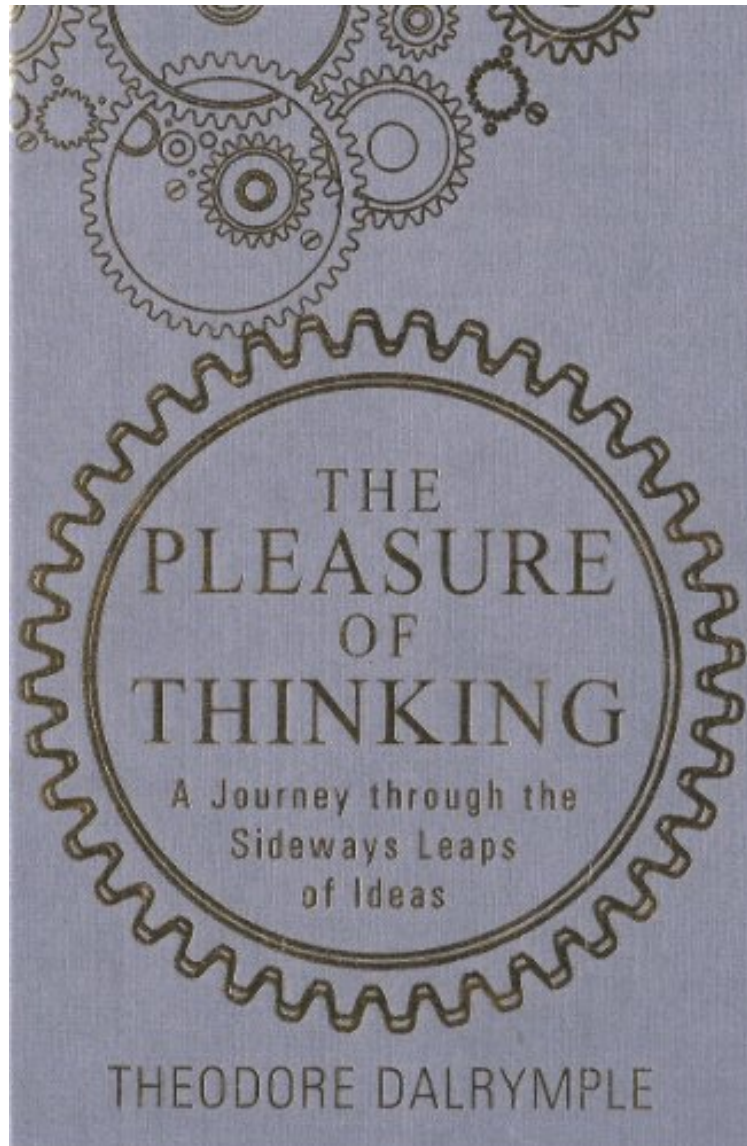


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About the Author Theodore Dalrymple writes for *The Times*, *Telegraph*, *Daily Mail* and *Express*, and writes psychological profiles of murderers for British courts. For over a decade he had a column in the *Spectator* ('If Symptoms Persist') on his work as a prison doctor. He is the author of *Spoilt Rotten* (9781906142612) and he lives near Birmingham.