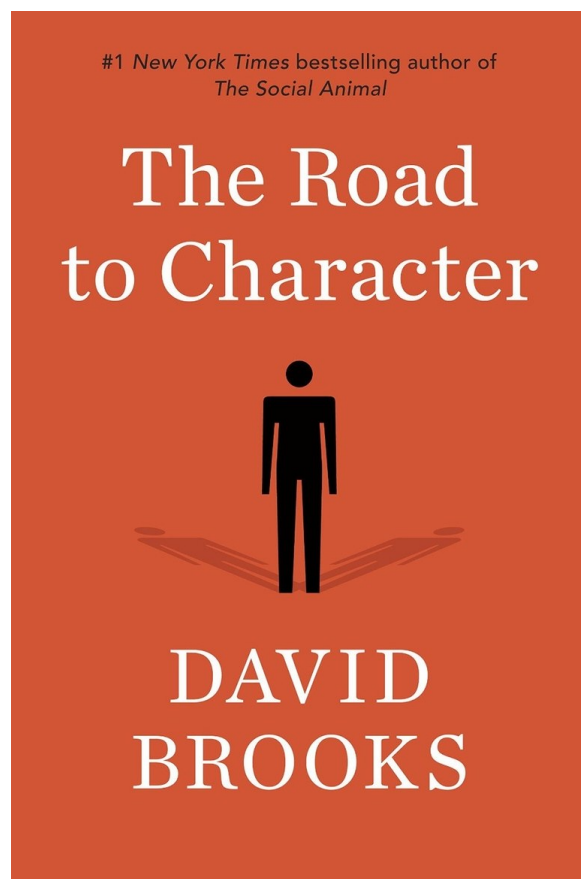


**New Book Group at FUUSB!**  
***The Road to Character***



**All are welcome!**

**Friday Nov. 16, 6:30-8:00 pm**

**Main Parlor behind (north of) sanctuary**

***UU Principle #4: A FREE AND RESPONSIBLE  
SEARCH FOR TRUTH AND MEANING***

Our second selection is ***The Road to Character***. Further selections will be chosen by participants! No RSVPs required.

*Please locate your book copies as soon as possible through the library, a bookstore, or online to read before the discussion date.*

***THE ROAD TO CHARACTER***

<https://www.newyorker.com/culture/cultural-comment/david-brooks-search-for-meaning>

***Excerpts, 5/27/15 review, Rebecca Mead***

Brooks ... has more recently specialized in applying the latest in brain science and social psychology to larger questions of morality on the Op-Ed pages of the *Times*. ... "The Road to Character" is an account of Brooks's effort to ... "cultivate character." To make his case, Brooks ... has come up with a pair of clarifying terms: the "résumé virtues" and the "eulogy virtues." Résumé virtues, he proposes, are those that are valued in the contemporary marketplace: the high test scores achieved by a student, the professional accomplishments pulled off by an adult. They are the skills that are met with bigger paychecks and public approbation. Eulogy virtues, on the other hand, are the aspects of character that others praise when a person isn't around to hear it: humility, kindness, bravery. Our society exalts the résumé virtues, Brooks argues, but it overlooks the humbler eulogy virtues. Still, he writes, we know at our core that this second category of values is what matters more.

Brooks's case study biographies are diverse, including (among others) philosophers Aristotle, St. Augustine, and Kierkegaard, activists Dorothy Day, Frances Perkins, A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin, military leaders Dwight Eisenhower and George Marshall, and authors George Eliot and Samuel Johnson.