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This is a short book with much breadth of scope. It will interest anyone concerned with the problems of decision making, whether in philosophy, psychology, or economics.

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