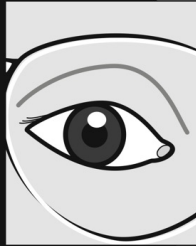
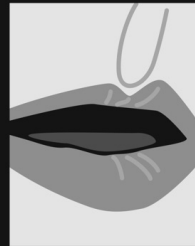


What is Empiricism?

*THIS BOOK IS ABOUT
EMPIRICIST PHILOSOPHERS
WHO BELIEVE THAT HUMAN
KNOWLEDGE HAS TO COME
FROM OBSERVATION.*



After all, we know about most things by seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting and touching them.



But none of these philosophers is quite sure what exactly that means.

*MOST EMPIRICISTS THINK THAT IT'S QUITE POSSIBLE
THAT ONLY WE EXIST, AND NOTHING ELSE.*



Empiricism starts off sounding like commonsense, but ends up by being utterly strange. Why Empiricists think what they do, and how they got there, is what this book's about.

It begins with a hippopotamus.