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A milestone in Wittgenstein scholarship, this collection of essays ranges over a wide area of the philosopher's thought, presenting divergent interpretations of his fundamental ideas. Different chapters raise many of the central controversies that surround current understanding of the *Tractatus*, providing an interplay that will be particularly useful to students. Taken together, the essays present a broader and more comprehensive view of Wittgenstein's intellectual interests and his impact on philosophy than may be found elsewhere.

The thirteen chapters treat topics from both periods of Wittgenstein's work: More than half are devoted to his early thought, the *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* of 1921, reflecting a growing interest today among philosophers in reexamining this seminal book, while three chapters treat the *Philosophical Investigations*, published posthumously in 1953. The remaining chapters discuss such "nonstandard" topics (about which Wittgenstein left some provocative but unsystematic notes) as philosophy of religion, aesthetics, and anthropology.

**Contents:** *The Early Wittgenstein and the Middle Russell*, Kenneth Blackwell; *Frege and Wittgenstein*, Michael Dummett; *Wittgenstein and the Theory of Types*, Hide Ishiguro; *The So-called Realism of Wittgenstein's Tractatus*, Brian McGuinness; *The Logical Independence of Elementary Propositions*, David Pears; *The Rise and Fall of the Picture Theory*, Peter Hacker; *The Picture Theory and Wittgenstein's Later Attitude to It*, Erik Stenius; *Wittgenstein's Early Philosophy of Mind*, Anthony Kenny; *A Theory of Language?*, G. E. M. Anscombe; *Im Anfang war die Tat*, Peter Winch; *Wittgenstein's Full Stop*, D. Z. Phillips; *Quote: Judgments from Our Brain*, Paul Ziff; *Wittgenstein and the Fire Festivals*, Frank Cioffi, *Index*.

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