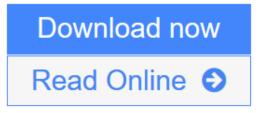


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No one has figured more prominently in the study of German philosopher Gottlob Frege than Michael Dummett. This highly acclaimed book is a major contribution to the philosophy of language as well as a systematic interpretation of Frege, indisputably the father of analytic philosophy. *Frege: Philosophy of Language* remains indispensable for an understanding of contemporary philosophy. Harvard University Press is pleased to reissue this classic book in paperback.

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This took me a really bloody long time to get through.

It's amazing. It's obviously one of the most important philosophy books of the twentieth century. This isn't just some hold your hand secondary text, this is Michael Dummett going through every detail of the philosophy of language and leaving no stone unturned. This book has really helped me with a great deal of topics that I have found are often taken for granted in philosophy education, absolutely everything is explained.

It's thoroughness is clearly this books greatest asset, it is however it's greatest downfall, and times it does get a little tedious trawling through every minute detail of every topic in the philosophy of language. There was even a point where I thought I didn't want to read this book anymore, but I'm really glad I persisted. There is also a fair amount of superfluous material in this book, and a bit much repetition. Dummett claims to have desperately tried to find ways of making the book shorter and not being able to. The man was clearly a bit mental.

One minor criticism is the way in which Dummett spends so much time trying to apply Frege's ideas to natural language. This is something that Frege never wanted to do, and something that I think is a waste of time. It is however a fairly standard thing to try and apply Frege's ideas to natural languages and so is in a sense a valid subject to treat for that reason alone.

It is well written and usually very clear, this does however make it seem more of a shame that there are some sections that are really very difficult and not clear at all.

This is not just a great guide to the philosophy of Frege, it is more or less a manual for the whole of philosophy of language.