

## PREFACE

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The citations follow the guidelines of the third edition of the *MLA Handbook*. The salient feature of this is that citation information is not given in footnotes, but in brackets following the quotation or reference. Only enough information is given here to allow the citation to be matched with an alphabetical Bibliography at the end of the book. There are many references to Wittgenstein's *Philosophical Investigations*. With this text I follow the convention of referring to passages in Part I by the numbered section (§ xx), and to passages in Part II by the page numbers (p. xx).

I maintain a stylistic difference between single and double quotation marks. Double quotation marks are used for direct quotation, while single marks are used for the various other uses of 'scare' quotes. The spelling is standard Australian—which is the same as standard British—English.

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