

REVIEWS

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References such as 495 or 280I are to entries so numbered in *A bibliography of symbolic logic* (the JOURNAL, vol. 1, pp. 121–218).

Quintessence: Basic readings from the philosophy of W. V. Quine, edited by Roger Gibson, The Belknap Press of Harvard University, 2004, 416 pp.

There are many reasons to be grateful to Roger Gibson for his work on Quine. The present collection adds to that list. Quine considered Gibson one of the foremost interpreters of his work and the present collection testifies to that fact. *Quintessence* arranges and reprints some of Quine’s most important philosophical work. It will be useful both to old Quine hands and to those wanting a firm foundation.

There are Five Sections: “Analyticity and Reduction”, “Indeterminacy and Inscrutability”, “Ontology”, “Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind” and “Extensionalism”. Many of the thoughtfully chosen pieces are papers which can be found elsewhere in the Quine corpus, e.g., *From a Logical Point of View, Ways of Paradox, Word and Object, Theories and Things* etc.

While most of the papers might well be familiar to Quine enthusiasts, there are two which I was not familiar with: “Confessions of a Confirmed Extensionalist” and “Naturalism: Or Living Within One’s Means”. The former essay nicely sets the stage in the section entitled “Extensionalism”. Later pieces in that section concern non-extensional, (i.e., intensional) subjects such as his rejection of modal logic and intensional objects, properties vs. sets, and his treatment of belief contexts (some speak of these in terms of ‘intentionality’). I could not believe my eyes when I spotted a very, very rare occurrence in Quine publications, a terminological confusion. In the “Confessions” essay p. 333 the word ‘intentionality’ is used