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This is a biography of Jean van Heijenoort — the well-known logician and historian of modern logic but also a full-time, professional revolutionary — written by Anita Burdman Feferman. The author is a freelance writer who has written short stories, articles and profiles. The book under review is her first full-length biography.

The book grew out of, as the author says, “what I had thought would be an interview or two with van Heijenoort. That was like thinking I could eat two peanuts; once I got started it was almost impossible to stop.” She met van Heijenoort for the first time in Paris in 1970. Then in 1982, when he came to Stanford to begin work on the *Collected Works of Kurt Gödel* with the author’s husband Professor Solomon Feferman and others, the meetings and contacts were more frequent.

The book is based on a series of interview with Jean van Heijenoort taken from 1983. This is the main source. But the author also has inter-

* Editor’s note: Anita Feferman’s biography of van Heijenoort was originally published by Jones and Bartlett, but only in a very small edition before the title was acquired by the new publishing company A.K. Peters.