

Preface

THIS BOOK WAS written primarily for readers of two kinds: philosophy students and biologists interested in philosophical issues surrounding their work. Writing for both these audiences leads to a fair amount of stage setting on both the philosophical and biological sides, and I hope this will make the book accessible to people without either of those backgrounds as well.

References relevant to the main line of argument are in the text and footnotes. The "Further Reading" sections at the end of each chapter mostly list works that take different approaches to the issues of that chapter, along with surveys and collections, though I sometimes repeat a reference to a work that was especially important in that chapter.

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