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This anthology presents an inquiry into the nature of a variety of semantic problems. Illumination of such problems is to be found in a number of disciplines, three of which are represented in this volume. While it is known that the perspectives and aims of these disciplines differ, it is not generally recognized that once the actual prosecution of the task of studying semantics begins there is a great commonality of interest. It is hoped that the selected semantic problems considered in this volume will contribute to bringing about such a realization.

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