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For many years, philosophers and other scholars have commented on the remarkable similarity between Spinoza and the Stoics, with some even going so far as to speak of 'Spinoza the Stoic'. Until now, however, no one has systematically examined the relationship between the two systems. In *Spinoza and the Stoics* Jon Miller takes on this task, showing how key elements of Spinoza's metaphysics, epistemology, philosophical psychology, and ethics relate to their Stoic counterparts. Drawing on a wide range of secondary literature including the most up-to-date scholarship and a close examination of the textual evidence, Jon Miller not only reveals the sense in which Spinoza was, and was not, a Stoic, but also offers new insights into how each system should be understood in itself. His book will be of great interest to scholars and students of ancient philosophy, early modern philosophy, Spinoza, and the philosophy of the Stoics.

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Abbreviations

Standard abbreviations are used when referring to passages in Spinoza's *Ethics*. A Roman numeral refers to the part number, 'D' for 'Definition', 'A' for 'Axiom', 'P' plus an Arabic numeral for a Proposition, 'Cor' for 'Corollary' (with an Arabic numeral where required), 'Dem' for 'Demonstration' (with an Arabic numeral where required), 'S' for 'Scholium' (with an Arabic numeral where required), 'App' for Appendix, and so on. For example, 'IIP7' refers to Proposition 7 of Part II, and 'IIP40Cor2Sch' refers to the Scholium of the second Corollary to Proposition 40 of Part III.

<i>Acad.</i>	Cicero, <i>Academica</i>
<i>Aet. mundi</i>	Philo, <i>On the Eternity of the World</i>
<i>AM</i>	Sextus Empiricus, <i>Against the Mathematicians</i>
<i>A-T</i>	<i>Oeuvres de Descartes</i> , Charles Adam and Paul Tannery (1897–1913)
<i>CSM</i>	<i>The Philosophical Writings of Descartes</i> , vols. I–II (Descartes 1984–91)
<i>CSMK</i>	<i>The Philosophical Writings of Descartes</i> , vol. III (Descartes 1991)
Curley	<i>The Collected Works of Spinoza</i> , vol. 1 (1985)
<i>De ben.</i>	Seneca, <i>On Benefits</i>
<i>De comm. not.</i>	Plutarch, <i>On Common Opinions Against the Stoics</i>
<i>De fin.</i>	Cicero, <i>On Ends</i>
<i>De mix.</i>	Alexander of Aphrodisias, <i>On mixture</i>
<i>De off.</i>	Cicero, <i>On Duties</i>
<i>DK</i>	Diels and Kranz, <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> (1903–)
<i>DL</i>	Diogenes Laertius' <i>Lives of Eminent Philosophers</i>
<i>Ecl.</i>	Stobaeus, <i>Eclogues</i>
<i>G</i>	<i>Benedict de Spinoza Opera</i> , ed. Carl Gebhardt, 1925
<i>I-G</i>	Inwood and Gerson (1997)

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L-S	Long and Sedley (1987)
<i>In Ar. An. Pr.</i>	Alexander of Aphrodisias, <i>On Aristotle's Prior Analytics</i>
<i>In Ar. Top.</i>	Alexander of Aphrodisias, <i>On Aristotle's Topics</i>
ND	Cicero, <i>On the Nature of the Gods</i>
NE	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
<i>Noct. Att.</i>	Gellius, <i>Attic Nights</i>
PH	Sextus Empiricus, <i>Outlines of Pyrrhonism</i>
PHP	Galen, <i>On the Opinions of Hippocrates and Plato</i>
<i>Stoic. Rep.</i>	Plutarch, <i>On Stoic Self-Contradictions</i>
SVF	<i>Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta</i> , ed. Hans von Arnim, 1903–5
TD	Cicero, <i>Tusculan Disputations</i>
TdIE	Spinoza, <i>Treatise on the Emendation of the Intellect</i>
TP	Spinoza, <i>Tractatus Politicus</i>
TTP	Spinoza, <i>Theological–Political Treatise</i>